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# GAINS MADE FROM THE SEA TO ALSACE

## RUSSIANS CLAIM TO HAVE GAINED GROUND

### Germans Bringing Up Heavy Guns for Siege Operations at Warsaw

### AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES FAIL IN EAST PRUSSIA

### Same Waste of Life Shown as in Attacks Made in Belgium

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—In the front of Warsaw the attempt of the Germans to force a crossing of the Rawka and Bzura rivers to the east of Lowicz, are reported to have cost the invaders heavy losses. The Germans are said to have left on the field near Skierniewice more than 1,000 dead. This was only one of a series of stubborn engagements.

The Germans appear to be feeling their way for a weak point in the Russian defences, but the operations are made more difficult owing to the swampy nature of the valleys.

The determined German attacks are reported to have been made in the centre of the entire front between Rawa and Opoczow, on a line thirty miles east of Piotrkow. These clashes are believed to have been between the cavalry divisions which are protecting the right German flank and the left Austrian flank, and a strong Russian column advancing on Tomaszow.

London, Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western theatre of the war, where General Joffre, the commander-in-chief of the French armies, still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, where the forces of the German centre and of the Russians seeking to check them, sway back and forth along the banks of the river, barring the way to the Polish capital.

The Russians claim successes in the fiercest encounters, but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably and it is said they now are bringing up their forty-two-centimetre guns preparatory to siege operations.

In Galicia the Austro-German forces seem to have made no further progress and in the north the Russians are reported to have pushed the invaders farther back into East Prussia.

The German tactics in the march toward Warsaw, military observers in London point out, are beginning to have some of the characteristics of the rush toward Calais and Dunkirk which the allies stemmed, thousands being sacrificed and others being hurled forward to fill the gaps with the same prodigality that was shown by the Germans in Flanders.

Military experts here are unable to agree on the number of the Austro-German troops in the east, estimates varying from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, but it is pointed out that Russia, unless exaggerating her resources, should be easily able to top this figure, now that her concentration of forces is nearing completion.

Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz by the Germans had any strategic importance, but the German view has now found expression from Field-Marshal von Hindenberg, who remarked to the representative of the Associated Press on the eastern front that he considered it the turning point of the campaign.

All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home have been, or are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of post cards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the British gifts.

The Austrian attempts to crush Servia, which some predicted would be abandoned in view of the recent turn of events by which the Servians reoccupied Belgrade, are soon to be renewed in the form of a final blow, according to dispatches from Budapest.

### DATE PROBABLY CORRECT.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Ministers of the crown this morning deny that the proclamation calling parliament together on February 4 has yet been authorized. They say, however, that the date mentioned in last night's dispatches is in all probability correct.

## MONSTER ARTILLERY ATTACK BY FRENCH

### Six Hundred Guns Blow Germans From Trenches and Capture Position

Paris, Dec. 24.—General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, said to Colonels Ignatieff and Yarde-Buller, the Russian and British military attaches at the field headquarters of the French army, three or four days ago: "Come with me and you will see something never seen before in war."

The military attaches accompanied the general to a place near the lines not far from Arras. There six hundred pieces of heavy artillery were placed in a position so as to bear upon a comparatively short plexus of German entrenchments. The ranges already had been found.

Upon a word from General Joffre repeated by his aides telephonically, the six hundred pieces opened a sustained fire upon the German works and the spaces just behind them.

After a quarter of an hour the French infantry charged. Not a hostile shot met them. Not a bayonet gleamed over the edge of the works. The trenches were torn to pieces as though by gigantic ploughshares. Dead and wounded men, half-buried, littered the line where formerly had been the trenches. The few alive were struggling to free themselves from heaps of earth. Those who had tried to run were caught by the horribly spray of bursting shells in the rear of the German trenches. Probably not a man defending that part of the line escaped.

## FRENCH BRING DOWN GERMAN AEROPLANE

### Bomb Dropped at Dover by Aircraft but Does No Damage.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the Journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pontoise, nineteen miles northwest of Paris, Sunday.

London, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

The text of the statement follows: "An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately, passing out over the sea. A British air craft went up but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

## CARNEGIE SENDS PEACE MESSAGES TO EUROPE

New York, Dec. 24.—On the anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent and of one hundred years of peace among English-speaking peoples, Andrew Carnegie, chairman of the American Peace Centenary committee, to-day sent two cablegrams in behalf of the committee. One was of goodwill to the citizens of Ghent through the king of Belgium; the other to Earl Grey, chairman of the British committee, expressing the hope that Britain and the United States would unite after the present war in proclaiming that international disputes shall hereafter be adjusted by peaceful arbitration at The Hague.

"In this sacred work," the latter message reads, "our two countries should be foremost and hasten to arouse their desire that the present war shall be the last. Should they fail to receive the needful support from others, and very little of that should suffice, we shall at least have done our duty."

## PREMIER BORDEN ON VISIT TO WINNIPEG

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Sir Robert Borden, accompanied by Lady Borden, leaves on Friday at midnight for Winnipeg, where he will address the Canadian club on Monday. The premier will return to the capital at once, dropping off at Port Arthur on Wednesday or Thursday next to address the Canadian club of that city.

## ARIZONA WILL HAVE PROHIBITION JAN. 1

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect January 1, the special United States tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement, refusing to issue such injunctions in a brief decision rendered to-day. Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken at once, it was announced.

## FIGHTING FOR LODZ BATTLE OF TACTICS

### Huge Pitchfork Formed by German Columns Fails Its Purpose

### BRAVERY OF RUSSIANS IS SHOWN AT BESCHICI

### City Was Evacuated So Quietly Enemy Did Not Know It Happened

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 21.—(Monday)—By Automobile Courier to Posen, Prussia, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 24.—The capture of Lodz, according to a declaration made to-day by General von Hindenberg to a correspondent of the Associated Press, was the turning point of the campaign in Poland. The Russian lines in Northern Poland rested on this city for the possession of which there occurred the most bitter struggle of the entire war on this front. After the Russians, following a most obstinate resistance on their part, were forced to evacuate the town, a general Russian retirement in the direction of Warsaw became necessary. Under the guidance of Major von Holleben the Associated Press correspondent to-day visited some of the battlefields in the vicinity of Lodz and gained an idea of the nature of the operations which led to the capture of the city.

According to the general alignment of the Austro-German forces, they might have been expected to advance from the west. As a matter of fact, the attack was made largely from the north and northwest. They drove their columns into the Russians in the form of a huge pitchfork, with another large force between lines of the fort.

"It looked for a time as if the Russians would be forced to retreat, if retreat were at all possible in the face of the gigantic enveloping movements by the Germans, in the direction of their Warsaw base. The intention was to drive the Russians into the arms of large Austro-German forces massed to cut off their retreat, but the timely arrival of Russian reserves from Warsaw resulted in the breaking of the eastern line of the fort, relieving the situation for the Russians.

Ten miles west of Lodz is located the little churchyard of Beschici, where the Russians, in one of the final phases of the struggle for Lodz, showed that in spite of their defeats and discouragements they knew how to fight and die. This churchyard lies on a small eminence which formed a salient into the German lines.

The Germans were able to make an attack from three sides with infantry and artillery. All the Russian trenches were enfiladed by shrapnel from one direction or another, but the Russians clung to the positions obstinately. When the Germans finally captured the trenches 878 Russian corpses were found in a space about 80 yards square.

It was resistance of this nature which the Germans had to overcome to capture Lodz. The Russians are again offering obstinate resistance, as was learned to-day from German staff officers along the Bzura and Rawka rivers, on their positions running north and south along a line 30 to 35 miles west of Warsaw.

The Russian evacuation of Lodz was effected so quietly and was covered so well that the Germans did not learn of it until they next morning found that the Russian troops had disappeared as though they had vanished from the face of the earth.

The usual German night patrols had been sent out to keep in contact with the enemy, but the Russians threw a thin but impenetrable screen before their front. Major Holleben's battalion lost four of its most capable patrol leaders.

German officers say that volley firing is still customary with the Russians, whereas the Germans have eliminated it in favor of individual firing.

A large part of the population is busying itself in the German trenches salvaging the wood which the Germans used for constructing their defence.

Heavy fighting occurred at the town of Konstantinow, ten miles southwest of Lodz. It suffered mostly from artillery fire, the town being bombarded by both sides. Little was left but naked walls. The other suburbs of Lodz suffered less severely and the city itself, as far as could be ascertained has not been damaged. An efficient municipal administration has been set up by the military authorities, who have inaugurated much needed sanitary measures, including compulsory house cleaning.

## MANY LONDON HOSTS WELCOME CANADIANS

### Dominion Troops Much Better Off for Leave Than Are Territorials

London, Dec. 24.—The Canadians, in the matter of Christmas leave are distinctly better off than the home territorials, many of whom are keenly disappointed at getting no leave at all. It is understood that this is largely due to the fear of military commanders that much harm will be done by the stupidity of folk, who are anything but in training themselves for work in the field, but who persist in offering strong drink to the men from camp. In several districts drastic shortening of hours in the opening of public houses is being enforced.

The commanders are so exasperated at the effect produced in the weak-minded minority of their men that they have threatened to have all the licensed houses closed throughout the holiday season. Reference already has been made to the abundance of spontaneous hospitality of the best sort which is being extended to the men from Canada in the London district. The main streets of the West End to-day are thronged with the soldiers of the maple leaf, many of whom are billeted over Christmas with families whom they never heard of until a day or two back and who made themselves known by intimating to the commanderling officers their desire to play the part of host to one of the Dominion's volunteers who might find himself lonely in the season of good will.

## CHRISTMAS DOES NOT CHANGE THE SENTIMENT

### Many Britons Surprised at Themselves in Regard to Feeling on War.

London, Dec. 24.—In reference to the time of "peace on earth," the Yorkshire Observer to-day refers to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement: "I am surprised at my own sentiments," when he alluded to his zeal for the prosecution of the war. "It is a confession," says the Observer, "which many Englishmen have made to themselves."

It is so alien from their lifelong habit to be supporters of war that when at last they find themselves fervently desiring that the fight shall go on with the utmost vigor they are momentarily surprised at themselves.

The explanation, though, is simple and satisfying. It is, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier says, a contest between civilization and barbarism, and in a war of this kind the Christmas season can make no difference to our sentiments.

## X-RAYS USED TO SEARCH BALES FOR CONTRABAND

### British Representatives Examine Cotton Consigned to Germany.

New York, Dec. 24.—Official representatives of the British government examined with X-ray to-day 10,000 bales of cotton consigned to Bremen, Germany, to determine whether any of the bales contained contraband of war. The cotton was being loaded aboard the steamship City of Savannah, which sails to-morrow. The X-ray machines, according to the British officials, had been especially designed for the purpose and enabled to inspect the interior of the bulky bales which could easily conceal arms, ammunition or other contraband. They had decided to use this method, they said, after it was found that, owing to the varying weights of the bales, the scales could give no certain guarantee that each bale was honest.

## BURIED 130 HOURS DIES AFTER RESCUE

Winona, Wash., Dec. 24.—Archie Long, who was rescued alive from a government test hole after having been buried for 130 hours, died to-day. He was unconscious when taken from the hole and talked incoherently until he died.

### NATURALIST DEAD.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—John Muir, the famous naturalist of California, died at a hospital here to-day from pneumonia. He was 76 years old. He was brought here from Martinez, Calif., arriving at midnight, and died at 10 o'clock this morning.

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## CANOPUS FIRST TO FIRE ON GERMANS

### Ocean Rocked and Sky Reverberated as Big Guns Roared at Falklands

### STURDEE CENTERED HIS ATTACK ON SCHORNHORST

### Gneisenau Fought Two Hours After the Flagship Had Been Sunk

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—Complete details of the great naval battle in which the Germans were swept from the Southern seas have been received by La Prensa from its correspondent at Rio Galegos. These details were related by the passengers on board the British steamship Oriza, at Punta Arenas from Port Stanley, the principal settlement in the Falkland Islands.

It seems that the British and Germans met unexpectedly. The Germans had left the mouth of the Plata river when they learned that a powerful British squadron, commanded by Vice-Admiral Sturdee, was in close pursuit. They had been prevented from taking on board much needed supplies which had been ordered at Montevideo. Short of provisions and coal the German squadron steamed for the Falkland Islands, owned by the British, hoping that no warships would be found there and that Port Stanley and its provisions could be taken easily.

But the powerful British squadron, following the long voyage from home waters, also required replenishing, and apparently the British admiralty had kept a store at Port Stanley. Therefore, the Britons steamed for the Falklands before engaging the Germans.

The British squadron consisted of the Canopus, a battleship of the pre-dreadnought pattern; the Invincible and the Inflexible, battle cruisers, and the Cornwall, the Bristol, the Carnarvon, the Kent and the Glasgow, cruisers. The latter had smelled the smoke of battle, having been the sole survivor of the British squadron beaten by Admiral von Spee's cruisers off Chile on November 1.

This British squadron arrived at Port Stanley on December 7. All of the vessels excepting the Canopus entered the harbor to take on stores and coal, while the Canopus remained outside with double lookouts in the fighting top.

On the morning of December 8 these lookouts saw the masts of another vessel slowly rise out of the horizon. Ten miles away they could tell she was a hostile warship. Then quickly came into view four other war vessels. There could be no doubt they composed the squadron of Admiral Count von Spee.

Turning slowly in the morning seas, the Canopus opened a broadside on the leader of the approaching enemy. Quickly the other British warships hurried from Port Stanley and joined in the battle.

Straight on, the Scharnhorst leading, the Gneisenau and the other Germans came. They did not reply to the fire of the British at first. Apparently they were waiting to get within a better range for the 8.2-inch guns of the big German cruisers.

When within four miles of the British the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau veered away from their head-on course, and as their broadsides showed they let go with their heaviest guns.

Salvo after salvo was fired. The ocean rocked and the sky reverberated as the big guns of the British battleship and cruisers and the German cruisers exchanged shots.

But the British gunners, stripped to their waists, had not only the correct range but they had guns and ammunition that outclassed the Germans. Officers in the fighting tops, and even on the bridges, could see the British shells smash into the vitals of the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau. They could see these shells rip apart the decks and the stanchions, the turrets and the funnels. They could see the flames shoot first from one part of the vessels and then from another, and they knew that as many seamen were fighting fires as were firing guns.

By order of Vice-Admiral Sturdee the big Britons centred their fire on the Scharnhorst, knowing that there they would find the German commander. Tons of exploding steel would strike the Scharnhorst at once. She would quiver under the shock, then right herself and her gunners would let go another round of shells. These went wild, or short or over the Britons. Few of the enemy's shells hit the British war ships.

This terrific bombardment of the Scharnhorst had continued an hour when she began to settle at the stern with a strong list. Fire was sweeping her, beyond the control of her crew.

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## ENTRENCHMENTS ARE TAKEN ALONG WHOLE LINE FROM GERMANS

### *Belgian Army Moves Forward Along the Right Bank of Yser, Zouaves Fight Brilliantly and Hold Trenches Taken From the Enemy*

**Paris, Dec. 24.—The French official statement given out this afternoon recites a series of allies' successes from the sea on the north to the frontier of Alsace on the south. The locations where French troops have gained the advantage are given as along the Lys, in the region of the Aisne, in Champagne near Perthes, in the Argonne, in the forest of Apremont, and near St. Die.**

**Fog prevented fighting near Arras and Verdun, and there has been artillery activity southeast of Amiens, near Ville-sur-Tourbe, and in the forest of Apremont.**

**French Advance Under Fire of Artillery.**

**The text of the communication follows: "From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Zwartelin to the southeast of Ypres we occupied a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter-attack of the enemy. This was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery.**

**"The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser to the south of Dixmude and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge.**

**"In the region of Arras the fog still made all operations impossible.**

**Positions in Champagne Are Strengthened.**

**"To the east and southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny, there have been artillery exchanges.**

**"In the region of the Aisne, the Zouaves during all day yesterday held back brilliantly a number of attacks, they remained masters at a point near the road of Puisleine of the German trenches occupied by us December 21.**

**"In Champagne we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Craonne and Rheims.**

**"In the vicinity of Perthes, all of the counter-attacks of the enemy's positions conquered by us December 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-les-Hurlus we occupied German trenches for a distance of 300 yards, and we drove back a counter-attack. The Germans endeavored to take offensive in the direction of Villa-sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them.**

**Fog Stops Operations at Verdun.**

**"In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of La Grurie and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.**

**"In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter-attack, but without success, in the forest of Consenvoye.**

**"In the forest of Apremont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches.**

**"In the Woevre district the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.**

**"In the region of Ban-de-Sahl, to the northeast of St. Die, our infantry advanced with a rush and established on its own territory thus gained.**

**"There is nothing to report from upper Alsace.**

**"Russia—On the Bzura river, the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the contrary, at a point north of Sochaczew, they were driven back to the river which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolimow resulted in failures. At the present time the Germans are essaying to cross the river Rawka to the southeast of Skierniewice.**

**"To the south of Rawka the Germans are resisting stubbornly a pronounced Russian offensive movement, being delivered along the northern bank of the river Pilica."**

## GERERALS TRANSFERRED BECAUSE OF ILLHEALTH

Paris, Dec. 24.—A number of generals, according to a headquarters report, have been transferred at their own request from the active army to the reserve forces. Most of them are broken in health owing to the hardships they have endured.

It is said that none of them has been retired.

## SUBMARINE FAILS TO DAMAGE BIG CRUISER

Paris, Dec. 24.—An official communication issued to-day by the French minister of marine says: "An Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the Strait of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured.

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# LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

## DOMINION HOUSE WILL SIT FEBRUARY FOURTH

### Session Will Not Be Contentious One; Stamp Tax is Probable

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—At the meeting of the cabinet council yesterday it was decided to call parliament together for its regular session on Thursday, February 4. The official proclamation summoning the members to the capital on that data will appear in the Canada Gazette on Saturday next.

The impression is that the session will be a comparatively short one, and that it will be over by Easter, which falls this year during the first week of April.

Practically no legislation of a contentious nature will be introduced. The business will be largely confined to war measures, the voting of the war appropriations and the supplies necessary to carry on the business of the country. There will be a small grist of private legislation including railway bills. The war measures will of necessity include legislation designed to produce revenue to meet at least a portion of the war expenditures.

There undoubtedly will be some tariff changes as well as a bill providing for some measure of direct taxation. Just what form this bill will take is not known, but it is probable that it will be in the nature of a stamp tax, as has been imposed in the United States. The calling together of parliament on a Thursday means that there will be no change in the speakership, and that if Speaker Sproule goes to the senate it will not be until after the session is over. The several vacancies in the senate will probably all be filled before the house meets, and steps will be taken to fill the several vacancies in the lower house.

### VANCOUVER SOLDIER DIES.

London, Dec. 23.—Hugh Alexander Peden, of the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders, who died in Bulford hospital as the result of an accident at Salisbury Plains, came from Vancouver, B. C.

## TEN FRENCH GENERALS ARE SENT BACK HOME

### Joffre Wields Axe Retiring Commanders for Reasons of Health and Convenience

Paris, Dec. 23.—The rumors which have been prevalent here of late regarding the summary way in which General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has been using his axe against incompetents, irrespective of their rank, was substantiated yesterday, when the headquarters' list was made public.

This shows that ten generals of divisions have been placed on the reserve list. Five were retired for reasons of health, and four for reasons of personal convenience.

For the retirement of the tenth general no reason was given. In addition, eleven brigade generals were retired, four for reasons of health, and two for personal convenience. For the other five no reasons were mentioned.

An appendix dealing with the colonial troops mentions the retirement of one division general and two brigade generals, but states no reasons.

Many other corps commanders had seen more active service than General Joffre, who was the chief of the general staff when the war began, but the ministry of war made him generallissimo of the French land forces almost without a word of dissent. They knew he was a master of mobilization; as for the rest they would wait and see. When M. Millerand became minister of war on August 27 he at once wrote to Joffre saying that the government and people placed implicit confidence in him. The battle of Mons had then been fought, and the allies were in full retreat on Paris. Between that date and September 7, when the Germans reached the extreme point of their advance, Joffre dismissed five general officers "for weakness in manoeuvres."

One was reported to be General Percin, who had failed to aid the British at Charleroi on August 21-25. Despatches even said that Percin had been shot. The latter fate, however, was disproved by a letter published by Percin himself on December 18.

French official reports rarely mention the name of a general promoted or decorated, much less the name of one disgraced. It was only recently learned that Pau was still in command of the army in Alsace, that the Marquis de Castelnau had been decorated at the time of the battle of the Marne, and that General Sarriland Manoury had won compliments from Joffre for holding the French centre against repeated assaults. De Castelnau and Gallieni, the latter of whom has just been sent to a command in the field after successfully preparing Paris for a siege in early September, are royalists, which shows that the democratic and taciturn Joffre picks his leaders where he can find them.

There had been nothing like the present retiring of general officers since October, 1913, when General Joffre, then chief of the general staff, caused the superior council of war to retire three corps commanders, two generals of division and two colonels. One of the first was General Faurie, who was a member of the cabinet; also General Andre, of anti-Dreyfus fame. Faurie, who had already been disciplined by General Pau at the manoeuvres in Picardy in 1910, was charged with owing his promotion to political and Masonic influences, which Joffre, both as chief of the general staff and as generalissimo, had done his best to eradicate from the service.

## SUCCESSES ARE GAINED AT YPRES AND NIEUPORT

### Germans Digging New Line of Defence Strengthened by Reinforced Concrete.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Sluis (Holland) correspondent of the Tijd to-day telegraphs: "The undeniable advantages won by the allies along the Yser have given rise to some exaggerated reports.

"The fact is that the allies have prosecuted a vigorous offensive and have gained successes at Ypres and Nieuport and that the Germans have evacuated some small towns and villages which the allies have not yet occupied. For instance, Roulers and Middlekerke, where only patrols of the allies so far have appeared.

"The Germans now occupy good positions captured on Saturday from a British detachment.

"Along their new line of defence the Germans are digging trenches and strengthening them with reinforced concrete.

"The allies' aeroplanes continue their activity and are continually reconnoitering the movements of the German troops."

## ESSAD PASHA'S PALACE AT TIRANA IS ON FIRE

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Durazzo, Albania, to the Central News, says that the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana, has been set on fire.

Essad Pasha, always prominent in Albanian military and political circles, was named provisional president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Weid, who had been selected by the powers to rule Albania. Essad Pasha was last reported as advancing on Scutari and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

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## KING SAYS BELGIAN ARMY SAVED CALAIS

### Hopes Some Day but Not in Three Months to Ride Into Brussels

Belgium, Dec. 20.—Grand headquarters of the King of the Belgians, in West Flanders (via London, Dec. 23).—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians told the Associated Press today of the stand his soldiers were making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgian left under his rule.

Physically King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is decidedly shy, and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent.

"I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when to-morrow you should have the chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the losses of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

When Edgard Sengeer, Belgian attache to the American commission for the relief of Belgium, entered and presented to King Albert a report from the commission, showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until February, the king turned to the correspondent, saying:

"Will you be kind enough to convey to the American people my deep gratitude."

He then wrote the following message in English: "The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply.

"In this, my country's hour of trial, nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same; and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the new year. (Signed) Albert, King of the Belgians."

King Albert is anxious to have the American people, as he put it, know the facts of the story of how his troops, demoralized and disorganized by their disheartening retreat, almost to the limits of their own country, turned at bay along the Yser and held back the Germans there at frightful cost in killed and wounded to their army, and of the almost incalculable losses suffered in the deliberate inundation by its owners of the most valuable agricultural part of the country.

"In one of those terrible nine days, in the trenches along the Yser," the king said, "I know that 700 of our brave soldiers were killed outright."

With the modesty and shyness which marks his whole manner of address, King Albert continued:

"I believe I am not claiming too much to say that our army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of the Yser."

The king spoke with the warmest affection of his troops now in the trenches, praising their good spirits. When the correspondent expressed a desire to see the Belgian soldiers actually in the trenches, the king said:

"You may, but I cannot promise this will be without risk. Mrs. Asquith expressed the same desire while she was visiting my wife a short time ago. When the party was taken to the second line of trenches, a big German shell fell near by, and it did not make our guests feel comfortable."

When asked as to his own safety, King Albert smilingly replied: "We must live under shell fire here."

Later inspection showed this remark to be literally true, as scarcely a square mile of Belgium left under the rule of her king is free from the danger of shell fire.

King Albert was averse to discussing the ruin which has overwhelmed the country, saying simply:

"You will know something of it yourself to-morrow when you see our destroyed towns."

"Your majesty, it has been predicted that you will re-enter your capital within three months," the correspondent said. The king shook his head sadly, saying:

"Not so soon; but some day I shall ride into Brussels at the head of the Belgian army."

King Albert is the commander of his army in fact, as well as in name. Its reorganization into a compact fighting force of less than half of its former size, but infinitely superior in sheer efficiency, is due principally to the king's work and inspiration. He has surrounded himself with young and enthusiastic officers, who already are veterans in experience; and this personnel works with the utmost harmony.

The king's chief support is Queen Elizabeth, who lives only a few miles away at a place also on Belgian soil, where she has complete charge of one of the largest military hospitals. No other women except trained nurses are permitted to approach the Belgian lines.

### MRS. CURTISS DEAD.

Bingham, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Frances Curtiss, of Erie, Pa., novelist and former editor of Good Housekeeping, died in a hospital here to-day.

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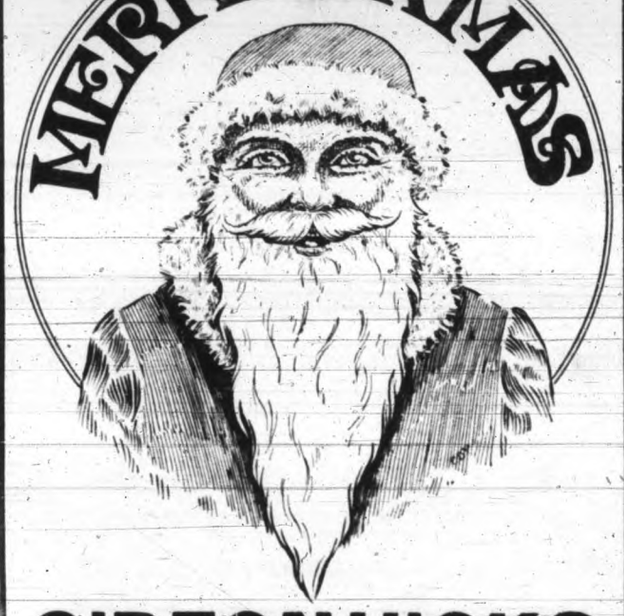

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## CANADIAN NORTHERN TRACK NEARLY DONE

### Less Than 100 Miles Remain to Be Completed in British Columbia

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Less than 100 miles of track now remain to be laid to complete the British Columbia divisions of the C. N. R., it was stated at the chief engineer's office this morning. Practically all the structural work on the steel bridges from the present end of track, a few miles east of Lytton, to Kamloops has been completed and the steel laying gangs are rapidly lessening the gaps on that section. A temporary structure has been built near Walhachin, over the Thompson river, to convey material pending the erection of the permanent bridge to be erected at that crossing.

The line has been laid from Kamloops to bridge 8, near Walhachin, leaving about 58 miles to be laid to connect up the Port Mann-Kamloops division. The track has been laid north of Kamloops to Mile-128, where a tunnel is being bored. The passage will be 530 feet long and skirts a narrow canyon colloquially known as Hell's Gate. The waters of the North Thompson river rush madly through the narrow chasm, especially during the spring freshets. The line has been advanced from the eastern end of construction 89 miles distant from the Yellowhead Pass. A section of 40 miles remains to be laid to link up the two ends of construction.

The completion of the entire British Columbia portions of the C. N. P. R. is looked for early next year. One estimate a short time ago mentioned February as the probable date of the driving of the last spike.

## FIVE SUFFOCATED WHEN TENEMENT HOUSE BURNS

New York, Dec. 24.—Five members of a family occupying an apartment on the top floor of a five-storey tenement house at 116 West 49th street, were trapped in a fire early to-day that started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shaft, where four members of the family suffocated before aid could reach them, the fifth dying soon after being taken to a hospital. The dead are Mrs. Mary Corso, forty-eight years old; her three sons, Charles, twenty-one; Frank, nineteen, and Harry, seven, and her niece, Grace Anadale, 8 years old.

The only survivor of the family, Arthur Corso, a telephone operator at the Holy Clinic hospital, was on duty when the fire started and ordered out ambulances to the scene. He did not learn of the death of his relatives until his mother was brought into the hospital where she died. Scores of other tenants in the building suffered from inhaling smoke and minor injuries in escaping from the building. Patrolmen and firemen performed many thrilling rescues from windows on the fourth and fifth floors. The monetary loss was only $5,000.

## CZAR AND EMPRESS AT MOSCOW HOSPITALS

Moscow, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas and the empress, accompanied by their children yesterday visited a number of hospitals in Moscow organized and maintained by public and private associations. Notable among these is the Union of All Russian Zemstous.

In the evening, the emperor, who is in Moscow on his way back to Petrograd from the front in the Caucasus, received in the Kremlin palace Prince Lvoff, chief commissioner of the Union of All Russian Zemstous, and the mayor of Moscow, M. Tchelnokoff, who is also commissioner-in-chief of the Union of Russian Cities. The commissioners gave accounts of the activities of their respective unions and the emperor expressed himself as greatly satisfied with their reports.

## VICTORY FOR RUSSIA ONLY END SAYS COUNT

Rome, Dec. 23.—Reports having been circulated that Count Sergius Witte, the Russian statesman, was leading a pacific party at the Russian court, the count has telegraphed to this city denying the statements. In his telegram he says: "At the beginning I deplored the war, thinking it was inevitable or indispensable. But since the war is in progress any discussion regarding it would be futile.

"Now that the war has assumed in Russia a popular character, it can only end with a decisive victory for Russia."

## JAPANESE BATTLESHIP HIZEN IS REPORTED

Lima, Peru, Dec. 24.—The Japanese battleship Hizen, accompanied by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer and several British merchantmen, has anchored seven miles off Puerto de Pisura, on the northern coast of Peru. The Hizen and the destroyer came from Acapulco, Mexico, and are probably convoying the merchantmen to some South American port.

## GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER IS TO COMMAND

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Star's correspondent at Salisbury Plain cables his paper to-day that there is a definite rumor current that General Alderson is leaving the command of the Canadian division and that General Sir Archibald Hunter is to succeed him.

"The cause is said to be difficulties with Major-general Hughes," adds the correspondent.

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## RUSSIAN TACTICS ARE CALLED MAGNIFICENT

### Correspondent Tells How Human Lives Are Thrown Away by Germans

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—(By Percival Gibbon).—I have just come from Warsaw and from territory which the Germans are now occupying across that country which will see the next battle. My route from Skierniewice was by way of Rawa, Nobo, Miasto and Grojec, where the retiring Germans in October broke up the roads. The Russian engineers, however, have done wonders.

I must naturally avoid too specific a description, but I cannot emphasize too strongly by admiration for the magnificent foresight, energy and military genius which are directing the operations on this front. No one who has seen the Russians at work can be doubtful of the issue of the war. I have seen retreats before, but never a retreat so deliberate and unhurried as this.

To understand conditions, one must realize that the retreat now taking place is a retreat from the southern and central portion of the line, where the Russians are not pressed by the Germans. In the north, from Sochaczew to the Vistula, where the fighting is the hottest and the German attacks the heaviest, retreat has not commenced, and at the time of wiring so far from yielding or falling back, the Russian commander of that line has caused the Germans to fall back.

One Sunday the German attack culminated in a desperate attempt to carry the trenches. Eleven times they tried to rush the positions, and each time they were driven back with fearful loss. Human lives are the only things in which the Germans do not economize. Who can comprehend the minds of leaders who order that the men, when charging shall leave their tunics behind them in the trench so that, although the man may be lost, his uniform shall remain to clothe another victim? The men who charged the Russian trenches did so in their shirts, and all the wounded remaining on our hands tell the same story. Before charging, a drink of spirits mixed with ether was served to every man. This fact is amply confirmed.

By morning the battle had drifted to the north, and the Germans were transferring their guns toward the Vistula in order to reply to the heavy fire from the Russian artillery. After the slaughter of the night the intensity of the attacks diminished, and slowly, under the Russian pressure, the German right, with the Russian infantry driving them and their great guns across the river, smashing their flanks, swung back.

The movement of the left and centre of the Russian line toward its new positions was accomplished as calmly and systematically as if the army was manoeuvring in times of peace. The distinguished general in command took exhaustive measures to make his retreat as effective as an advance. He leaves to the Germans nothing but the earth they walk upon. The country is as barren as a beggar's hand of the means of making war. There is not a horse or a mouthful of food which can help the enemy forward a single yard.

The Germans, who were fully informed of the contemplated retirement by means of continual aeroplane reconnaissances, made an attempt to take the positions, and pressed forward after the Russians. This was precisely what the Russians had expected, and had prepared for, and they met the German attack with a counter-movement which was successful at every point. The rear guard actually carried several of the enemy's trenches, causing him to fall back, and also captured four field guns.

A fact which leaps to the eye is that the Russian army, which is now settling into its new position, is an army which takes kindly to the hardships and stress of war. The men are in magnificent condition and heart. The field kitchens, which cook on the march, and serve hot food immediately their battalions halt, have worked well, and there have been practically no cases of illness among the troops.

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## PEACE CELEBRATION MUST BE POSTPONED

London, Dec. 24.—The British committee concerned with the celebration of the centenary of peace between the United States and Great Britain made public to-day a manifesto expressing regret that since the city of Ghent, where the treaty of peace was signed, is occupied by the Germans, it will be necessary to postpone the celebration until the European war has ended. The manifesto expresses the hope that the unarmed frontier between the United States and Canada may long continue as an example to the world of the safe defense of mutual respect and trust in the affairs of nations.

## TORONTO HOME GUARDS' COMMANDER PROMOTED

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Official intimation was received here at military headquarters to-day that the Toronto Home Guards are gazetted as an eight-company militia regiment, with headquarters at Toronto. Captain W. T. Stewart, commanding officer, has been raised to the rank of lieut.-colonel. Col. Stewart will submit a list of officers for approval of the militia department.

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## OPPOSITION IS PLEDGED TO NEW ZEALAND LEADER

London, Dec. 24.—The Times' Wellington, N. Z., correspondent says that a recount in certain constituencies has resulted in the restoration of one labor seat to the government. The house shows decisive majorities against the religious education plebiscite and for a reduction of the majority required to carry prohibition. An opposition caucus which included labor members, has unanimously passed entire confidence in Sir Joseph Ward, and has pledged itself loyally to support him in any action he considers necessary.

## SHIELD IS PRESENTED AS PERPETUAL TROPHY

London, Dec. 24.—The first and second battalions of that famous regiment of Leinster, which was originally raised as the 100th Foot of Canada, has been officially affiliated with the 100th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto, and the 100th Grenadiers of Winnipeg. This was accomplished at Salisbury Plains yesterday, when Major-General Prior, on behalf of the officers and men of the Leinsters, presented the Canadian battalions with a massive silver shield to be competed for as a perpetual trophy for musketry.

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## THE WAR.

There is a foretaste of retribution in the conditions under which Germany is compelled to conduct the war. Had she respected the neutrality of Belgium and Luxemburg she would have been able to fight defensively on the narrow front of Alsace and Lorraine, the only part which would have been subjected to attack, holding it against all-comers with less than a million men, while with Austria she could have hurled three million against Russia before the great Slav state had mobilized a third of that number. France could not have attacked her through either Belgium or Luxemburg because of the guarantee of their neutrality. Germany and Austria might have established themselves impregnably on the Vistula and San rivers, or even farther inland, and in the Carpathians, while they returned in formidable strength to deal with France. Germany began the war terribly wrong, morally and strategically. Not only must she face the might of Britain in consequence of the first aspect, but at a cost which is bound to ruin her she must hold a three-hundred-mile front in Belgium and Northeast France, involving more than half her army, from which for political reasons she dare not withdraw. Meanwhile she has permitted the military resources of her ally to be slowly but surely destroyed. After all, it is not surprising that Germany should have entered upon this war so hopelessly in error. Nothing else could be expected of a system based upon such hideously false ethical and even military conceptions as that which has flourished for forty years.

The Germans seem to have failed to pierce the Russian lines on the Bzura, north of Sochaczew, and are trying farther south through Skirniewice. On this narrow front Russia is fighting defensively, presenting a wall of flesh, bayonets and artillery which cannot be broken, though it may be forced back. Reports speak of new Russian armies being thrown into this region, and this has been accomplished without weakening any other part of the line. Along the Nida in Southern Poland, and in Western Galicia along the Donajec, and near Ungvar beyond the Carpathians, Russia is on the offensive and claims successes, particularly in Galicia. She has cleared the country north of the Vistula. Just what else her armies there are doing a short time will tell. We look for a blow across the Vistula at the German flank. But von Hindenburg's chances of penetrating the entrenched masses on the narrow front between the Vistula and Pilica are hopeless without large reinforcements, and these cannot be obtained except by drawing further on the German armies in the West.

But the offensive of the British, French and Belgians in the west has now made sufficient progress to disturb seriously the German general staff. The Germans have been driven back from the Yser in Belgium and in the Argonne the French have made appreciable advances. The main point to be remembered is that the Germans are on the defensive, which is the bete noir of their military style. They declare that Russia is beaten because her armies are fighting defensively between the Vistula and the Pilica, but this is precisely what their own armies are doing in France and Belgium. By the same token they, too, must be beaten. Hence the arrival of the German emperor to spur his troops to another hopeless offensive and more harrowing losses. Austria is said to be preparing to deal Servia a final blow. If it is anything like the last one Servia will welcome it with open arms. But Austria has other troubles on her hands just now. Hungary is still entertaining Russian troops at Ungvar and Roumania is preparing to attack her from the south. In fact reports credit the Germans with anticipating the dissolution of the dual monarchy and the independence of Hungary, or what is left of it, and Prince Eitel, the third son of the Kaiser, is boomed for the kingship of the prospective monarchy. This is exceedingly humorous in view of the fact that the chief cause of Hungarian dissatisfaction with existing conditions is their resentment of the heartless way in which the Kaiser has abandoned them to their foes.

## BANKRUPT AND OVERMATCHED.

The New York Times recently published a remarkable leading editorial which we reproduce as indicating the views of the influential press of the United States:

Germany is doomed to sure defeat. Bankrupt in statesmanship, overmatched in arms, under the moral condemnation of the civilized world, befriended only by the Austrian and the Turk, two backward-looking and dying nations, desperately battling against the hosts of three great powers to which help and reinforcements from states now neutral will certainly come should the decision be long deferred, she pours out the blood of heroic subjects and wastes her diminishing substance in a hopeless struggle that postpones but cannot alter the fatal decree.

Yet the doom of the German Empire may become the deliverance of the German people if they will betimes but seize and hold their own. Leipzig began and Waterloo achieved the emancipation of the French people from the bloody, selfish and sterile domination of the Corsican ogre. St. Helena made it secure. Sedan sent the little Napoleon sprawling and the statesmen of France instantly established and proclaimed the republic. Will the Germans blindly insist on having their Waterloo, their Sedan—their St. Helena, too?

A million Germans have been sacrificed, a million homes are desolate. Must other millions die and yet other millions mourn before the people of Germany take in the court of reason and human liberty their appeal from the imperial and military caste that rushes them to their ruin?

They have their full justification in the incompetence and failure of their rulers. German diplomacy and German militarism have broken down.

The world cannot, will not, let Germany win in this war. With her dominating all Europe peace and security would vanish from the earth. A few months ago the world only dimly comprehended Germany; now it knows her thoroughly. So if England, France and Russia cannot prevail against her, Italy, with her two millions, the sturdy Hollanders, the Swiss, hard men in a fight, the Danes, the Greeks and the men of the Balkans will come to their aid and make sure that the work is finished, once for all.

For their own peace and safety the nations must demolish that towering structure of militarism in the centre of Europe that has become the world's danger spot, its greatest menace. The only possible ending of the war is through the defeat of Germany.

## EXONERATED.

Although his report has not been made public, the commissioner who conducted the Mudlark inquiry is believed to have completely exonerated the captain of the charges laid against him by a certain element in his crew. There could be no other conclusion from the evidence submitted, but those who know Captain Brown did not require a formal investigation to convince them that he was the victim of a disgraceful conspiracy which aimed to subject an important service of the government to a malodorous political organization, discredited in the eyes of even its own party.

When one of the men was dismissed, quite properly, for insubordination, he and others of his ilk who owed their appointment to the machinations of the Beaver Club, prepared a petition making groundless charges against the captain. When the petition was sent to Mr. Barnard, that gentleman, evidently without personally investigating the matter, promptly recommended to Ottawa that the captain be dismissed. The Beaver Club had said the word, and the captain had to go. But Mr. Barnard soon learned that some of the names appeared on the petition under ugly circumstances which bordered on the realm of criminality, and another message went to Ottawa cancelling the recommendation of its predecessor.

The hole-in-the-corner brigade, however, were furious. They wanted the captain's scalp. He was not subservient enough. He would not dance when they snapped the whip. He objected to employing every individual foisted upon him by a clique utterly indifferent to the good of the service. In a word, he devoted himself to carrying out the instructions received from his superior officers in the dredging department, and in doing so he outraged the tender susceptibilities of a body which has no more responsibility than the man in the moon. So another effort was made to oust him and an inquiry by a commissioner was ordered in the hope that something might be framed up that would operate to the advantage of the unscrupulous, if thick-headed, conspirators.

This, also, has failed egregiously, to the satisfaction of the public generally, who were not so blind that they did not see at once what was behind the move. But the inquiry has been an eye-opener in disclosing the extent to which Admiral Price and his select coterie have been interfering with the government service to its marked disadvantage. In that respect, the reverse of what was intended, the commission has been beneficial to the public interest. Further, it has resulted in the immediate dismissal of those proteges of the Beaver Club who entertained the delusion that they were not subject to the orders of the captain, but could do as they liked as long as they met with the approval of Admiral Ex-officio Price. The others who have been figuring prominently in the police court to their marked pecuniary loss no doubt will follow them. It is pleasing to note that the infamous onslaught upon Captain Brown met with as strong condemnation from the majority of Conservatices as from Liberals, under whose regime the captain received his appointment, and that among those who gave evidence in his behalf were prominent citizens, who, though supporters of the government policy, will have nothing to do with the high-handed methods of a discredited junta of machine politicians.

## NORMAL?

German correspondents of newspapers published in neutral countries declare that everything is quite normal in Germany. The ease with which the last loan was raised indicates the soundness of her finances; stores and places of amusement are operating as usual and there is an adequate supply of staple food products to keep the country going for years in spite of the attempts of the allies to starve it out. There is plenty of life and color in Berlin, in fact, according to these assurances, socially, politically and economically the Kaiser's domain is practically unscratched.

These announcements are so frequent that they invite suspicion. They protest too much. If the condition of Germany is normal now, what must it have been in time of peace? The country has lost at least a million and a half of the flower of its manhood, a loss which has traversed every path of society. Its imports of foods, one-third of all it consumes, have been cut off. Its exports, amounting to $2,500,000,000 a year, have been reduced to a minimum, involving the closing down of factories and the unemployment of thousands of factory hands. What is the use of trying to keep up the fiction that the progress of a war which is costing the country millions of lives and billions of dollars finds Germany normal? The iron-handed discipline may compel the public to assume a mask of satisfaction and contentment, but beneath it are fear and apprehension which, as time goes by, will penetrate through the disguise.

Look at Germany's methods of financing the war. The struggle is costing her $10,000,000 per day. She is raising the money under a system of forced loans, even ralding the savings banks. She is issuing bonds which are worthless in neutral markets, because it is known that behind them is nothing more substantial than wind and make-believe. It is being done "scientifically," and would be all right if Germany won the war, because it would be made good through the indemnities wrung from the conquered countries. But if she is not going to win and defeated, what then? German financial magnates and merchant princes must shiver when they think of that possibility. Who will help them carry the burden of ruin? When the southern states, financing in similar style, were beaten by the north, the reunited American nation assumed a large measure of responsibility for their indebtedness. But upon whom will Germany lean?

Thus we understand why thousands of lives are sacrificed in assaults upon capitals and cities in foreign countries which have no strategic value. The object is to keep the fragile social and economic structure, whose precarious foundation is a state of mind, from toppling over. The faintest doubt of ultimate success must not be permitted to arise. The occupation of undefended towns in France, Belgium and Poland is celebrated as a great victory. Soldiers are kept parading the streets of Berlin. The banks make spectacular reductions in their discount rates. Meanwhile the general staff is hoping for some providential intervention that will force one or all of the enemy states to listen to peace negotiations—political changes in Russia, France or Britain, changes like that which once saved Frederick the Great in the nick of time. It hoped the capture of Calais would enable it to impose upon public opinion in Britain a disposition towards peace. The desperate naval raid on the Yorkshire coast had a similar purpose in view. The capture of Warsaw is expected to produce a sentiment favorable to peace in Russia. Thus Germany is running around in a circle looking for an outlet. She is trying to sustain the huge weight of an intricate structure which, like a tower on insubstantial foundations, cannot withstand a heavy blow. It will fall and crush those who have their backs against it when the German people realize that they cannot win—when their armies are forced out of France and Belgium. Financial and industrial chaos will reign. There will be no prolonged campaign on the Rhine. Meanwhile Germany is "perfectly normal."


We Wish All Our Customers and Friends a Very Merry Christmas

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Discussing the German raid upon British coast towns and its alleged moral effects, the Boston Transcript says England, so far from being frightened, is angry and more than ever determined that the war shall be fought to a finish. "That was the spirit that animated the North fifty years ago, when Confederate cruisers burned vessels off the New England coast, and one actually entered Portland harbor and seized a revenue cutter, only to be promptly captured by hastily armed pursuers. The Confederate cruisers were brave and bold, but all they did had no effect on the blockade which tightened its coils around the Confederacy. They did not prevent the equipment of a single Federal cruiser or the organization of a single Federal regiment. The war went on, our people substituting for their early enthusiasm a cold, silent, set purpose to fight it out on this line if it took several summers. We began by despising the enemy and hence when the war had been on for two months we had only about 187,000 men under arms. It was later that we realized our mistake and raised great armies and fleets. Great Britain has not committed a similar mistake, but if Germany believes 'moral effect' will break down Great Britain's nerve it is misjudging a people from whom we inherited that stubborn pride that carried the Union to victory through four years of fierce fighting."

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The Herr Professors of Germany, who for a quarter of a century have been teaching the youth of the country to think only in terms of conquest and brute force, are now urging the people to eschew a diet of flesh meat and white bread and to live upon black loaves and beans. They say the more sustaining food all is needed for wounded and invalids. Yet we are told the conditions are normal in Germany and that the invincible army proceeds triumphantly upon its conquering way. One thing we venture to predict: there will be no exhibitions of the "goose step" as the German army "marches" back through Belgium. The "conquering heroes" cannot have their fun both going and coming.

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Paris was to be taken in three weeks from the opening of the war and Calais was to be in possession of the Germans several times, the final date being fixed as the 10th of December. Now the Kaiser has been promised Warsaw as a gift in his stocking to-morrow morning. Should his majesty again be disappointed, we know what will happen to St. Nicholas, who long has been the patron saint of the Teutonic tribe. We agree with the Boston Transcript, which says the Kaiser will fire St. Nick and adopt Old Nick as chief divinity in his national household.

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Referring to the campaign of certain American politicians of Teutonic lineage, the New York Herald says the United States will refuse to be made the tail of the Teuton-Turk kite.

## THE SCOTCH PART OF HIM.

From the London Mirror.

Have you heard the story of the bright lad who tried to get into the London Scottish? He passed all the measurement tests and the medical examination. Then the recruiting officer said to him:

"Were you born in Scotland?"

"No."

"Well, were your parents born in Scotland?"

"No."

"Your grandparents?"

"No."

"Then what the —— do you come here for?"

"I've property in Scotland."

"Good gracious me—why didn't you say that first. Where is it?"

"In Perth."

"Tell us something about it."

"Well, I have a suit being cleaned up at the Perth Dye Works."


DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

# Useful Christmas Gifts To Meet All Requirements From First to Last

## Read This Ad for "Last-Minute" Gift Suggestions

### Gift Suggestions for Women

There are scores of things that most women need and would be delighted to receive at Christmas in the way of a gift, but we don't always think of them at the right moment. Perhaps these few suggestions will help you:

### Afternoon Dresses and Evening Wraps

Either of these garments would make a handsome and appropriate gift. Besides a large selection of exquisite models in the French room on first floor we offer the following very special values:

**Silk and Chiffon Dresses,** regular $15 to $25 values, selling at .....**$6.50**
**Very Smart Dresses,** suitable for party wear, clearing at .....**$3.75**
**Evening Wraps** in silks, velvets, brocades and other novelties. Special at...**$25.00**
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### A Choice Set of Furs

—too, would make a very handsome gift, and one that would be greatly appreciated. We are showing a very nice range of suitable presentation pieces in necklets, stoles, throw-overs and muffs. These Furs have been selected with great care and amongst others includes:

**Marmot Furs** in the cape and long stole effects. Each, $7.50, $8.75, $9.50, $12.50, $17.50, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00 and...**$35.00**
**Russian Kolinsky Necklets,** each, $12.50, $15 and .....**$17.50**
**Black Fox Stoles,** each, $20, $25, $35, $45 to .....**$80.00**
**Black Fox Muffs** at the same prices, making up sets from .....**$40.00**
**Fitch Stoles,** from $25 to .....**$65.00**
**Fitch Muffs,** from $30 to .....**$75.00**
—First Floor

### Handsome Silk Waists at $2.50 and $3.50

Most women welcome an extra Waist or two at Christmas time, so a gift of one of these handsome Waists would be thoroughly appreciated. There are Waists in various styles and a big range of colors to choose from including plain, striped and fancy effects. See the samples displayed in the View street windows and then come in and inspect the still larger assortment in the department. Every Waist is marked at a price that's considerably below the regular. Special Christmas sale offerings at $2.50 and .....**$3.50**
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### New Silk Sweater Caps at $1.25

A new shipment just opened up, and there are colors rose, cardinal, green, saxe blue, royal blue, black and white, black with gold, black with cerise, black with saxe. Special, each .....**$1.25**
—First Floor

### Your Shopping's Not Finished Until You've Bought Candy

—and that's the pleasantest part of your Christmas shopping—delicious sweetmeats priced at less—a double pleasure.

**SPECIAL PRICES FOR TO-DAY**

**Maple Croquettes,** regular 40c lb., for..**25¢**
**Candy Sugar Pigs,** each .....**10¢**
**Christmas Bon Bon Mixture,** lb., 30c and **20¢**
**Candy Canes,** each, 25c, 15c, 10c and....**5¢**
**Assorted Chocolates,** per lb.....**35¢**
**Novelties,** each, 15c, 10c and.....**5¢**
**Fancy Boxes Chocolates,** an extra special Christmas treat. To-day, per box, 35c and .....**65¢**
**Fancy Boxes Chocolates,** in various sizes, at all prices up to, per box, $3.50, from **25¢**
**Xmas Stockings,** splendid assortment and sizes. All prices up to $3.50, from....**5¢**
—Main Floor

### For Christmas Tree and Parties

**Bon Bons,** a large assortment at, per box, 25c to .....**$1.00**
**Snow Balls,** containing a variety of novelties. Per ball.....**50¢**
**Lucky Tubs,** containing various novelties, all numbered ready for the Christmas tree. Per tub .....**25¢**
**Parlor Fireworks,** perfectly harmless, per box, 5c, 10c and 15c, also up to.....**$2.00**
—Toyland, Second Floor

### A Special Clean-Up of Made-in-Victoria Dolls Beds To-Day

Beautifully made, all brass, also wooden beds in a large doll's size. All are to be cleared up to-day at prices about one-third off.

**All-Brass Beds,** with canopy top, nicely draped, mattress and pillow complete. Regular $8.50 value for .....**$5.00**
Regular $7.50 value, for .....**$4.00**
**All-Brass Bed** with pillow and mattress, complete. Regular $6.50 value, for..**$4.25**
Regular $4.25 value, for .....**$3.25**
**A Good Substantial Wood Bed,** painted green, with gilt knobs and filling; mattress complete. Size 12x24 ins. Regular price $2.50. Clearing to-day at .....**$1.40**
—Toyland, Second Floor

### Gift Suggestions for Men

Whether it's for father, husband, brother, friend or "him"—you will find something in this column that will suggest an appropriate Christmas gift.

### Special Clearance of Men's Bath Robes

**To-day at $3.75**

These are full length robes, made from heavy quality flannelette in colors green, red and grey, and finished with girdle. Eighteen only in the lot, and every one an unusual bargain. One of these would make a most useful gift.
—Main Floor

### Suggestions in Men's Furnishings

**Four-in-Hand Ties,** in plain and fancy shades, straight or wide ends; excellent assortment of pretty designs and colorings to choose from. Each Tie put up in fancy holly box, suitable for sending away. Special, each, 75c, 50c and .....**25¢**
**White Jap Silk Mufflers,** large size. Each at .....**$1.25**
**Men's Collar Boxes,** in suede and fancy leather. Each, $2.00 to .....**$1.00**
**Men's Fancy Jewelry** for Christmas gifts, put up in single boxes. Tie Pin, Cuff Links and Tie Clip, all to match. Per set, at .....**$1.50**
**A Large Range of Tie Pins** from 75c up to .....**$1.50**
**Fancy Tie Clips.** Each, 50c and.....**25¢**
**Men's Watch Fobs.** Special value at **$1.75**
**Men's Colored Bordered Mercerized Handkerchiefs,** soft finish, for immediate use. Special value, 2 for 25c and 3 for....**25¢**
**Men's Wool, also Wool and Silk Knitted Mufflers,** in shot effects, full length and width. All prices from $3.00 to .....**50¢**
**Fine Dress Kid Gloves,** silk lined; regular $2.50 value for, pair .....**$2.00**
**Heavy Cape Kid Dress or Driving Gloves,** in tan shades, silk lined; $2.00 values for, pair .....**$1.50**
**Fine Dress Kid Gloves,** unlined, tan color; regular $2.25 value for, pair.....**$1.75**
—Main Floor

**MEN'S GLOVES**

**Fine Dress Kid Gloves,** silk lined, regular $2.50 value for, pair.....**$2.00**
**Heavy Cape Kid Dress or Driving Gloves** in tan shades, silk lined; $2.00 values for, pair, only .....**$1.50**
**Fine Dress Kid Gloves,** tan color, unlined. Regular $2.25 value for, pair.....**$1.75**
**Grey Suede and Tan Kid Gloves,** all sizes. Special, per pair.....**$1.00**

### Boys' Suits Selling To-Day at Specially Reduced Prices

An opportunity for you to give your boy a smart new suit of clothes for Christmas and at a cost that means a big saving to you.

**30 Suits** in Norfolk and double-breasted styles, and a good range of patterns and shades. Broken sizes. Regular values to $7.50. To-day, per suit .....**$4.75**
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—Main Floor

### Burnt Leather Photo and Postcard Albums

**At Special Prices**

These books have real leather covers, ornamented with Indian designs in burnt leather.

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**Post Card Albums,** regular $1.25 and $2.25. Special to-day, 85c and .....**$1.50**

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Another, Bijou Edition, of Shakespeare, in six volumes, pocket size, printed on India paper, with 87 full-page celebrated pictures; the set contained in a cloth box. Regular $5.00, for .....**$3.00**
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Fur Set, genuine Alaska sable. Usual price $35. Special Christmas price ..... $25.00
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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail, now held by me in respect of the Victoria Hotel, situate at No. 1406 Government street, in the City of Victoria, from myself to Joseph Balagno.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1914.

A. E. BROOKS.

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Industrial are now prepared to supply the public with Cordwood cut by the unemployed at

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# BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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**Give Santa Claus a Chance.**—Clean the chimney out with Imp., two for 25c, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street. •

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**For Fire,** marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office. •

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**Montrose Rooms.**—Bishard street, are exceptionally well ventilated and heated. If looking for a bright cosy room for the winter months it will pay you to examine these. Special low rates are being asked. •

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**Don't Forget a Platter for the Turkey,** 60c to $1.75, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas Street. •

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**Hanna & Thomson,** Undertakers, 827 Pandora Avenue. Phone 498. Open day and night. Motor Hearse in connection. •

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**Taxi Service**—For the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 135. •

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**White Sewing Machine Store,** 1221 Douglas. •

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**Piano for Rent, $4.** Phone 2507R. •

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**Social and Dance.**—The Gaelic society will hold their monthly social and dance in the Foresters' hall, Thursday at 9 p. m. Miss Shearer champion dancer of the Pacific coast and others will take part. Gents, 50c; ladies please bring refreshments. Members are requested to attend sharp at 7.30 to elect officers for the ensuing term. •

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**The Dear Little Children**—Get them baby plates, cups and saucers, mugs, knife, forks and spoon sets, etc., at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas street. •

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**"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian** that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nanoose and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd. General Agents. Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C. •

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**Made Your Plum Puddings?**—Best English Pudding Bowls, best as to shape and finish, 11 sizes, 2 for 15c to 70c each, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas Street. Phone 3712. •

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**Brentwood Hotel** continues to be the popular week-end resort. Special catering and holiday attractions for the Xmas Season. •

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**Mother! What Do You Want for** Christmas?—One of those nice Silverine Glass Fruit Sets. They look like cut glass with silver deposit trimmings, and are just fine. Sets consist of one large bowl and six small ones, and only cost $3.25 at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St. •

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**Most Sanitary**—All outside rooms; steamheat and hot water—$2.50 per week at the Blanshard Inn—next Public Library. •

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**Courts Closed.**—The courts, in common with all the provincial institutions, will close this afternoon until Monday morning, Saturday being a public holiday.

**After Christmas** have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street. •

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**These Are Days of Hurry**—Therefore you should take that 25c Merchants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn—next Public Library. •

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He will appreciate a Hat Scrip for Xmas, which gives him the choice of any hat in our store—only $2.00. Frost & Frost, Westholme Block. •

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**Speeded Motorcycle.**—J. L. Mara was fined $5 for speeding on his motorcycle along Fort street. He admitted going too fast. Information was laid by Constable Tom Palmer.

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**Committee Met.**—The board of trade committee on harbors and navigation met this morning to consider certain features in connection with the harbor. The recommendations will be embodied in a report which will be presented to the board's council on Tuesday next.

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**A Hard Case.**—What was described as "a case of real hardship" was heard in the police court this morning when Louis Morris was allowed out on suspended sentence for the theft of a Christmas goose. Morris has a family and is destitute and stole because he could get food in no other way. Magistrate Jay recognized the hardship and allowed suspended sentence.

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**Bank Holidays.**—All the chartered banks in this city will be closed on Saturday of this week and on Saturday of next week, the days following Christmas and New Year days. As these days have been proclaimed as legal holidays by the provincial government the banks decided to make them bank holidays, especially as being half days little interference with business could take place.

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**Boys Emptied Lamp.**—Because boys in his vicinity emptied his rear lamp of its oil on to the street, a representative of the Wood Motor company pleaded in the police court this morning that he could not always obey the law dealing with the illumination of the rear number plate. The prosecution which was laid was therefore withdrawn when it was found that he had laid a complaint at the police station of the action of the boys.

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**Burglar in Store.**—Santa Claus in the guise of a burglar entered the electric store of Smith & Franz between the hours of seven and eight o'clock this morning and took the money remaining in the till from overnight, the sum amounting to several dollars. An entrance was forced through the back window, the latch being moved by some instrument. The thief got clear away and left no trace behind of his identity.

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**Gifts for Old Men.**—J. L. McIntosh, manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm Men, acknowledges with thanks the following donations received by the home: Mrs. B. W. Pearse, Illustrated London News; Mrs. Watts, apples; Mrs. M. Royler, Saturday Evening Posts; Mrs. C. E. Lake, "Collier's Weekly; Mrs. Peter Wilson (Los Angeles), Los Angeles Times; Mrs. French, periodicals; Mrs. Johnson, newspapers; Miss E. A. Duncan, Daily Mail; Mrs. Flammank, Daily Mirror; D. C. Lewis, Saturday Evening Post; E. D. Shipp, Illustrated papers and clothing; the Times and Colonist, two copies daily; the Week, Collier's and the Christian Science Monitor.

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**Christmas Social Successful.**—The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church held a most enjoyable Christmas social in the lecture room last Monday evening, about 100 being present. The hall was decorated with evergreens and over the platform stood on beautiful evergreen arch. The programme, which was most unusual, was under the direction of Mr. McLeod. The first item was a grand march, during which young people were given the opportunity to become acquainted with each other. During the evening vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Longfield, and Messrs. Petch and Hughes; a violin solo by J. A. Longfield and a reading by Donald Fraser. At the close delicious refreshments were served and the meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 24, 1889.

The Commercial Travelers met at their rooms last evening to receive Mr. D. E. Brown, of the C. P. R., who explained to the meeting that the road he represented would accede to the wishes of the association and make rates, so that wholesale sellers on the coast could compete with eastern travelers this side of Canmore. He was thanked for the favor.

Publicity is given at Ottawa to the proposals of Major Peters, of C. battery, with regard to the proposed annual match open to the permanent corps. The official organ of the militia eulogizes the idea of holding such a competition and expresses the hope that it will be a general one. The dates suggested, June 1, 2 and 3, are considered to be too early.

At R. Porter's Island market, corner of Johnson and Douglas street, is exhibited a monster porker specially fattened for the Christmas season. It weighs, dressed, 575 lbs., and was bred by H. Brethour, North Saanich.

## Christmas Services

Christ Church Cathedral.—At Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas day the services will be as follows: Holy communion at 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m. and after matins; choral eucharist with sermon at 9.15 a. m., preacher, the bishop, matins with sermon at 11 a. m., preacher, the dean; evensong (plain) at 5.15 p. m.

St. James' Church.—The Christmas services in St. James' church will be as follows: Holy communion at 8; choral matins and sermon at 11; choral celebration of the holy communion at 12 noon.

St. John's Church.—The services on Christmas day at St. John's church, corner of Mason and Quadra streets, will be: Holy communion at 8 a. m. and 11 a. m.; matins and sermon by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M. A. The services on the Sunday after Christmas will be: Matins, 11 a. m., and evensong at 7 p. m. At both services carols will be rendered. The preacher will be the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.

At St. Barnabas'.—A midnight celebration of holy eucharist will be held at St. Barnabas' church this evening (Christmas Eve). Service will commence at 11.30 and carols will be sung by the choir. The rector desires those who wish to make their Christmas communion at this service to send in their names to him.

St. Saviour's Church.—At St. Saviour's church to-morrow there will be holy communion ata 8 a. m., and morning prayer and holy communion at 11 a. m. At the latter service an anthem will be sung by the choir. On Sunday evening the usual carol service will be rendered by the choir, when carols, new and old, will be sung.

St. Paul's Church.—St. Paul's Presbyterian church is being decorated by the young people for the special Christmas services. Wm. Macdonald has prepared special music. In the morning the pastor, Dr. H. N. Maclean, will preach on "The Desire of All Nations." In the evening he will speak on "Our Resolutions for 1915." The evening service will begin at 7, as do all the evening services in St. Paul's.

Methodists Uniting.—The Methodist congregations of the city will join at the Metropolitan church for the Christmas morning services and Rev. S. J. Thompson will preach the sermon. The services will take place at 11 o'clock.

Belmont Avenue Church.—At 11 a. m. the subject of Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor, will be "The Coming of Jesus." At 7.30 five famous historical Christmas events will be presented as sermonettes, interspersed by Cornish Christmas carols by the choir. Watch night service will be conducted to-night.

**Christmas Schedule of Cars.**—Cars on all routes of the B. C. Electric railway will to-morrow start, as on Sundays at 9 a. m., and will continue running until the usual times, as on weekdays. Both to-morrow and New Year's day a special return rate of a fare and one-third will prevail between all points on the Saanich interurban. Train No. 4, due to arrive at Victoria at 8.15 a. m., and train No. 19, due to leave Victoria at 6.25 p. m. will be cancelled to-morrow.

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**Pacific Great Eastern.**—The track of the Pacific Great Eastern railway is now laid to a point eighty-seven miles east of Squamish, at the head of Howe Sound, which brings it thirty miles east of Pemberton, to which a train service is now in operation. This service is to be extended to Anderson Lake in the course of a few days, it is stated by D'Arcy Tate, vice-president of the company. New schedules are being prepared for a mixed train service each way every day except Sundays.

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**Library on Christmas.** — Miss Stewart, librarian, states that the public library will be open on Christmas Day from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m., for reading and reference purposes, though no books will be issued or received in the circulation department. Those in the city, and it is thought there are many, who wish to spend part of the holiday in the library, will find the arrangement that it be open most convenient. All who wish to read will be made welcome. Saturday will not be observed as a full holiday. All departments of the library will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., but the people will neither be able to read nor change their books at the building on Saturday evening.

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**"Keep the Pot a-Boiling.**—Many people last evening must have noticed the picturesque tripods erected on several of the street-corners with the adjuration to "Keep the Pot a Boiling" printed across the card above the old-fashioned black kettle. The Salvation army, which is always working for others, was out collecting for the Christmas hampers which it is sending to poor families in larger numbers than ever this year. This year the call for assistance is much greater than ever before, and considerably more than double the number of Christmas hampers must be provided by the Salvation army. So every mite dropped in the Christmas pot to-night will help the great work and make Christmas a happier day for someone.

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

No matter how early and how carefully we did our Christmas shopping the "day before" is sure to bring to mind things forgotten.

There is not time left to shop around. The stores are busy—every one else is in the same fix.

What a relief it is to remember the names of merchants who are never too rushed to protect our interests?

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Or in choosing little things, like toilet articles, or candies, what a satisfying thing it is to know that if one purchases certain newspaper advertised brands the name carries with it a guarantee of character.

## TOBACCO FOR SOLDIERS

**United Service Fund Receives Further Donations; Men Show Appreciation.**

Yesterday a little girl contributed one dollar to the United Service Tobacco fund, of which Miss Gladys King, at the Belgium relief fund headquarters, is the treasurer, the same youthful contributor giving twenty-one pennies which she had collected in one-cent pieces for the same cause. That the gifts of tobacco are appreciated by the men at the front may be gathered from the following letter which appeared in one of the last English papers to arrive here. The letter is from Sapper E. Taylor, R. E., to the lady whose name and address were on one of the packets of cigarettes which he received:

"It's very good of you to have sent me the cigarettes and matches, and I needn't tell you how keenly they are appreciated. I am very well off in that way for a time. Four packets of cigarettes were given each of us a few days ago; and now yours, and to-day our officer has given us each some tobacco (he has been very good that way and given us two or three lots). It's very different to the other day when we couldn't get a smoke anywhere. At such times everybody seems to be down, I don't know why, but a smoke seems to make everything go much better, and it passes many a lonely hour away, too. I've seen chaps coming away wounded, still smoking, and I've seen others (when the Germans have come upon them rather suddenly) have to abandon practically everything—but I've noticed they don't leave their pipes or cigarettes behind.

"We are still away from the fighting, and are repairing the roads which have gone very bad owing to so much traffic. We have to be out about 6 a. m., and work till dusk, and the best part of it, we get a night's sleep. We stay in a barn every night and it's very comfortable to nestle down in the straw. After sleeping in the fields it's like coming home on furlough from an army mattress to a feather bed.

"It's a luxury to have a bit of new bread. We have a little bread issued, it's true, though it's made some time before we get it. We were in a rather large town last Saturday and Sunday, and had a very nice time. Everyone went shopping, some of the chaps coming back with pork chops, steak, or anything in the eatable line they could possibly get. Talk about a beanfeast. You can be sure they made up for the time they were in the trenches. It was the first opportunity we had had of spending any money for over three weeks. Cigarettes and chocolates were in great demand, but neither was to be obtained anywhere, for the simple reason that other regiments had been there before us and bought them all up.

"We like to get a paper to see how the war is getting on, as we only know what is taking place around where we are. But we know we are holding our own, and are confident of winning, and I don't think the Germans can say that."

## TEN DOLLARS FOR TREE.

**James Parfitt Given Judgment Against B. C. Electric, and Action Against City is Dismissed.**

A judgment for ten dollars and costs was given against the B. C. Electric Railway company in favor of James Parfitt by Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday afternoon, at the close of the hearing of argument in the damage suit which had been occupying the attention of the court for the previous two days. As against the city the action was dismissed.

His lordship observed that in assessing the amount of damages to be awarded for the trespass, and the cutting down of the portion of the tree in question, a point which had to be considered was that the title to the property was not registered in the name of the plaintiff but was held by him only by virtue of an agreement of sale.

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**Patriotic Aid Fund and Belgian Relief Funds Benefit by Performance of "Marching Orders."**

The three performances of the military revue, "Marching Orders," presented by the Victoria Amateur Dramatic club and the Victoria Amateur Operatic society in November, realized a net balance of $1,227.71. This sum will be divided equally between the patriotic aid fund and the Belgium relief fund.

Receipts.

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| Box office takings and tickets sold in advance | $2,401.75 |
| Programmes sold | 251.50 |
| | $2,653.25 |

Expenses.

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| Rent of theatre | $ 750.00 |
| Electric light and wiring | 41.95 |
| Stage hands | 100.00 |
| Conductor, orchestra and arranging scores | 196.00 |
| Cost of programmes | 182.65 |
| Printing tickets and poster cards | 17.50 |
| Advertising | 58.70 |
| Expressage and car fares | 21.75 |
| Cost of properties, etc., for stage settings | 55.24 |
| Postage and telegram | 1.75 |
| | $1,425.54 |
| Net balance | $1,227.71 |

## CHRISTMAS AT HOSPITAL

**Daughters of Pity Yesterday Decorated Corridors and Wards in Preparation for Day.**

Since the visit of the Daughters of Pity to the Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon, the whole place has been transformed, and a genial atmosphere pervades corridor and ward and speaks of coming Christmas. For holly and ivy are everywhere, and in each ward there is a Christmas tree which is to yield a shower of presents for everyone. The members of the order worked enthusiastically and even if it had been an ordinary house-cleaning instead of a transformation such as they effected, the patients would have been glad to see such cheery visitors. Assisted by some of the Boy Scouts of the city the work went like magic and in the short afternoon every room was given the most cheerful appearance in preparation for the Yule-tide. The children's ward, of course, was the subject of special care and thought, and the face of many a little sufferer lit up with pleasure and excitement as the busy hands of the Daughters of Pity placed the tree in position or stuck the prickly sprigs of holly over pictures and bedstead. Three beautifully-dressed dolls and some scrap books have been contributed by the girls of the Rainbow Chapter I. O. D. E.

**For Christmas.**—A Christmas picture entitled "The Birth of Our Saviour" has been secured by the Majestic theatre for the holidays. No man, woman or child should fail to see this film.

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**Oak Bay Theatre.**—The management of the Oak Bay theatre are giving away a turkey to-night. A large number of amateurs and a fine pictorial programme will be presented. A bumper house is anticipated.

## MONEY FOR BELGIANS.

**Two Thousand Dollars From Victoria for Central Relief Fund at Montreal.**

Two thousand dollars has been sent by W. S. Terry, the Belgian consul here, to the central committee at Montreal which recently issued an appeal for money to purchase wheat for the relief of the Belgians. The decision to make this contribution was passed at a meeting of the committee held this week, J. J. Shallcross, the chairman, presiding. The contribution from the local fund reduces the exchequer to practically nil, so that additional gifts of money will greatly be appreciated.

The work of collecting clothing still continues, at the headquarters, 742 Fort street, and during the past week holly (which has been donated by sympathizers) has found a ready sale, the receipts for one day alone having been as high as $12. The proceeds from this are all being turned into the fund. The children of Kuper Island Indian school have sent in a considerable gift, also, and almost weekly there are anonymous donations. The various schools of the city have contributed generously during the past few days, among the gifts being $8.55 from South Park school; $23 from Cedar Hill school; 50 sacks of flour, Kingston street school; $11, Cadboro' Bay school, and $70.50 from the school at Clinton, B. C. In each instance the teachers and pupils arranged and carried out the matter of collections through entertainment or otherwise quite voluntarily.

The Belgium fund headquarters yesterday received the sum of $63 as the result of the raffle of the motor launch presented by Capt. Adamson, of Sidney, who handed half of the proceeds of the sale of tickets to the fund. The winner of the launch was a Sidney man. Also yesterday $10 was received from the North Ward school and $10 from the South Park school, while several big baskets of toys sent by the school children of the city included practical gifts which will be very welcome among the little Belgian children. Fresh holly, with berries thereon, was on sale at the rooms until noon to-day, and quite a fair sum was realized.

Municipal Inspector Paul has received the following letter from W. S. Terry, honorary secretary of the Belgium relief fund, with reference to the assistance of the schools: "I am requested by the committee to thank, through you, the pupils of the various schools who have so generously contributed in clothes and toys to this fund. Their kind thought for the little Belgian children is very much appreciated."

**Quick as Lightning** is the service of the 25c Merchants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn—next Public Library. •

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**A Useful Fund.**—When the school board was deciding to vote $200 towards the $400 which the teachers will find under their relief fund for unemployed parents of children in the next six weeks, to be spent for work on school grounds, etc., Chairman Jay observed yesterday that it was one of the most practical schemes in the way of relief which had been devised in the city.

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## AT THE THEATRES

### "THE COLLEGE WIDOW."

The Allen Players at the Princess theatre promise something special in their next production, "The College Widow." It is a comedy requiring a very big cast and a number of local performers will appear. This production will also mark the first appearance of P. R. Allen this season. He will be seen as the "big" footballer.

No better bill could have been chosen for a holiday week and the story of the game between rival schools should be of interest to all lovers of Rugby.

A special matinee of "That Girl From Texas" is being held this week on Friday afternoon. Usual matinee prices will be charged and seats may be reserved now by telephone.

### GOOD COMEDY AT ROYAL.

"The Making of Bobby Burnit" was shown for the first time this afternoon at the Royal Victoria theatre to a good-sized audience, and a better picture could not have been chosen for the Christmas attraction. "The Making of Bobby Burnit" is a comedy by the author of "Brewster's Millions." The story is just as interesting and much more exciting than "Brewster's Millions."

Bobby Burnit, at the death of his father, inherits a small fortune on condition that he invests it. Bobby has absolutely no business training, so when some dishonest promoters suggest his putting some money into their crooked deals he does so, thinking it a legitimate proposition. After many exciting scenes, the unmasking of the villians and the failure of the plots, Bobby comes out ahead, marries the girl and lives happily ever after.

A matinee will be given each afternoon and two shows in the evening and the picture will be shown till Saturday night. Each child that visits the matinees this week will be given a small Christmas gift from the management.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," said the conjurer, pointing to his magic cabinet, "I beg to call your attention to the great illusion of the evening. I will ask any lady in the audience to enter the cabinet. I will then close the door. When I open it again the lady will have disappeared, leaving no trace." In the second row of the audience a puny, undersized man, with a haunted, harassed expression, turned with a strange gleam of hope in his dull, mild eyes, to an enormous woman who sat next to him. She had a strong, stern face, with black, beetling brows, and a chin like the ram of a first-class battleship. "Maria, dear," he said, eagerly, "won't you oblige the gentleman?"

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OPEN EVENINGS

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

W. C. Ives is at the Empress hotel from Calgary.

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R. Helme is at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

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M. C. Kendall, of Penticton, is at the Empress hotel to-day.

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D. Burns is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

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F. N. Hartley, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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James A. Cavanagh is registered at the Empress hotel from Seattle.

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E. D. Sheringham, of Mill Bay, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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E. T. A. Cooper is in the city and is staying at the King Edward hotel.

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H. Bishop is here from Ganges and is staying at the King Edward hotel.

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Miss Frederick of Duncan, is in the capital and is at the Strathcona hotel.

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R. Boyes, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests at the King Edward hotel.

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Mrs. F. Mason, of Port Angeles, is in the city, a guest at the King Edward hotel.

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James Wilson, of Sidney, is among those registered at the King Edward hotel.

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M. Goodall is staying at the King Edward hotel while in the city from Sooke.

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C. H. Willis is staying at the Strathcona hotel, having come across from Vancouver.

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J. S. Steele is a Vancouver visitor in the city. He is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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J. C. Lee and R. P. Purdie arrived at the Empress hotel this morning from North Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Johnson, of Vancouver, are newly arrived guests at the Strathcona hotel.

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A Duncan visitor in the city is Harold Frederick. He is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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R. H. Manzer has come to the capital from Ladysmith. He is at the Strathcona hotel.

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G. W. Doan and son are here from Vancouver and are registered at the King Edward hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pierce are in the city from Metchosin, and are staying at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. MacDonald, of Deep Bay, are among the visitors at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Norie, of Cowichan Station, are among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

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Angus G. Macdonald has arrived in the city from Vancouver, and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Affleck are in the city from Vancouver, and are registered at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke are in the city from Quamichan Lake, and are registered at the Empress hotel.

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Miss T. Edwards was among the passengers sailing by the R. M. S. Niagara to-day for Auckland, New Zealand.

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The many friends of Miss M. Rudd, milliner, will regret to learn that she has been taken ill and is now in St. Joseph's hospital.

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A quiet marriage was solemnized on on Tuesday evening at Wesley Methodist parsonage, Victoria West, when Rev. S. J. Thompson united in matrimony Arthur Ernest Woodruff and Miss Jemima Brown. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Painter witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff will make their home at Wilson street, Victoria West.

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Chief Constable Stopheson, of the provincial police, Nanaimo, was in the city yesterday consulting with Superintendent Colin Campbell.

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Miss Jean MacAlister and Miss Anna McQuade crossed over by the afternoon boat to Vancouver, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

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Campbell Sweeney, of Vancouver, superintendent of the British Columbia branches of the Bank of Montreal, is in the city. He is accompanied by Miss Sweeny.

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M. Lynn Gordon, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Warner, Alta., is, together with his wife and small child, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall P. Gordon, of Victoria avenue.

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Mrs. Tilson, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Baird, left on Tuesday for California, where she will spend some weeks visiting with friends before proceeding to her home in Eastern Canada.

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Harty Morden, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, Fort street branch, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to leave St. Joseph's hospital, and left for Vancouver early in the week where he will spend the holidays as the guest of Chief Justice and Mrs. Gordon Hunter.

"This scenery isn't what it was," complained the artist. "I can't see no difference," declared the old farmer. "What do you miss?" "I'm looking for a cloud like the one I painted last year."

## MANY ATTENDING BALL

### Distinguished Guests Have Accepted Invitations to Gordon Highlanders' Function on December 30.

The first annual ball under the auspices of the sergeants of the 50th Gordon Highlanders, which is to take place on the evening of December 30 at the Alexandra ballroom, promises to be quite the most popular event of the kind held during the season. Already the Lady Douglas chapter, I. O. D. E., under the regency of Mrs. McMicking, is planning for the decorations which are to be used in the big hall, and Mrs. Coy and Mrs. Bullen are assisting in the supervision of this important part of the preparations. The chapter, it should be mentioned, is to receive the proceeds of the dance to be devoted to whatever relief work in the city it considers most necessary.

Heaton's orchestra has been engaged to provide the music for the occasion, and the catering has been entrusted to Mr. Campbell, who is putting up a sumptuous supper. Tickets for the event may be procured from Campbell's Drug store, Hibben's, Angus Campbell & Co., W. H. Wilkerson, Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Fit-Rite, Allen Fit Reform, Mutrie's Boot store, or from Sergeant Wishart, 1157 Fort street, or any sergeant of the 50th Gordon Highlanders at the Willows' camp. The accommodation being limited, those intending to be present should get their tickets without delay.

Among those who have already accepted invitations to be present are his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Barnard and lieutenant-colonel and Mrs. Coy, who will lead the grand march; Sir Richard and Lady McBride, the mayor and Mrs. and Miss Stewart, colonel and Mrs. Peters, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Irving, the Misses Irving, lieutenant-colonel and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Duncmuir, Dr. and Mrs. Helmcken, the Misses Helmcken, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, and the Rev. Chaplain, Mrs. and Miss Campbell.

## Y. M. C. A. CHRISTMAS

### Informal Celebration to Take Place To-morrow Among Association Residents and Members.

The Young Men's Christian association has donned the dress of the season, and the big halls and corridors are bright with holly and evergreen in preparation for the festive occasion. The dormitory men are to enjoy a special Christmas breakfast at 8.30, after which they will gather in the big assembly hall for the singing of Christmas carols. Many of the members are planning to go over to the dinner at the Young Women's Christian association at 12.30, arrangements having been made with the ladies' organization for the men to participate in their Christmas feast by the presentation of a ticket procurable from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Men will be welcomed at the evening celebration at the Y. M. C. A. which is to be of an informal character, consisting of songs, recitations and fireside stories. Mr. Witham, the general secretary, and other officers at the association are doing all they possibly can to make the place as home-like as possible for the day, and this evening, Christmas Eve, members will gather informally to exchange the season's greetings and chat round the fireside.

"What's the matter, dearest; have I done anything?" "Yes. I druh-druh-dreamt last night we had an awful fuss." "Well?" "And I shuh-shuh-shan't speak to you until you've apologized for some of the horrid things I dreamt you said."

JAMES J. CORBETT

The former world's champion heavyweight boxer is entertaining big Christmas week audiences at Pantages theatre with his well told humorous stories of ring experiences. The Five Minstrel Girls De Luxe, Harold Holland's farcical sketch, and the Batus Brothers' clever acrobatics, are other attractive turns in an excellent holiday show.


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Persian Lamb Tie, regular $22.50. Special.....$18.00
Mink Tie, regular $27.50. Special.....$22.50
Pointed Fox Muff, regular $59.50. Special....$47.00
Pointed Fox Stole Tie, regular $35.00. Special $28.00
Black Wolf Muff, regular $29.50. Special.....$23.50
Black Wolf Stole, regular $29.50. Special.....$23.50

Handsome Waists for Christmas Gifts

Represented in this extensive showing are numerous models in fine lingerie, as well as pretty crepes de chine, satins, silks and other popular fabrics, which come in a wide variety of fashionable colors. There are all sizes to choose from, and the range of styles offers ample scope for satisfactory selection.

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Give Trefousse Gloves This Christmas

For the money invested you cannot find a more practical gift or one that would be better appreciated. Kid Gloves have decided the problem of "What to Give" for many seasons, and this year we look for a greater demand than ever. In giving Gloves it is well to remember that there is ONE MAKE that conveys the highest compliment—one make that women of refinement recognize and appreciate. Trefousse Gloves have long been recognized on account of their reliable quality, their perfect fit and fine finish. There is not a better Glove on the market; $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and up.

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These Outfits consist of all various garments and many accessories required at time of birth. The lines have been carefully made from our very extensive stock, and include only the articles which will prove of practical worth. We have been specializing in these outfits for some considerable time, and our assortments have always met with the appreciation of our clientele.

The $10.00 Outfit consists of 21 pieces.
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Children's Silk Sox in all colors and sizes, from 50¢.

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Many Styles Here

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Black silk fibre Hose in seamless style with lisle top, with fibre silk boot, well protected at wearing parts, and has the appearance of an all silk stocking; 50¢ a pair.
Silk Hose in shot effects in such combinations as black with white, black with red, black with green, black with purple, or black with blue; $1.50 a pair.
Black Silk Hose, Phoenix make, with double knit heel, toe and sole. This is an excellent wearing quality; $1.00 a pair.

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# VANCOUVER FIRST TO SAIL AROUND ISLAND

## Memoir of Dr. C. F. Newcombe is a Masterly One and is First of Archives Series

A few years ago there was established here a department charged with the custody of the archives of the province and the colonies which had preceded it, and with the acquisition of material dealing with the exploration and settlement of the northwest Pacific coast. This in time was brought under the care of E. O. S. Scholefield, the provincial librarian, who has labored indefatigably since in adding to the store of books, manuscripts and maps until the collection of archives is probably, at this stage of its growth, one of the most complete that any part of the Dominion possesses.

The time of the archivist has been devoted mainly since he took over the duties of the office to collecting materials bearing on the various phases of the progress of this coast, but it has always been the intention to prepare and have prepared memoirs from time to time which would make accessible to such of the general public as are interested in the history of their province, but have not the time nor the inclination to go into the subject themselves, the results of the patient investigations being made by the archivist and other students. These memoirs, owing to their nature, will not be available in the usual manner of government bulletins, but will be gladly furnished to all who are actually interested in the subjects of which they will treat.

The initial memoir has just been issued from the presses of the King's Printer, and is marked by all the neatness of workmanship of that official and his department. It is, very fittingly, devoted to the first circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, and ably vindicates the contention of Captain George Vancouver that his ships were the first to complete the navigation of the channel which separates this island from the mainland. It is written by Dr. C. F. Newcombe, of this city, who is a recognized authority on the early history of the northwest coast, and who in this monograph follows up and develops with the aid of documents and maps made available in the archives department the views he has expressed in lectures before the Natural History Society as long ago as 1904.

In a brief foreword to the memoir Mr. Scholefield acknowledges the public spirit of Dr. Newcombe in presenting to the archives department of the province so valuable a contribution to the historical literature of the country, a work which entailed a long and minute examination of records and original sources in British Columbia and elsewhere during many years past. Mr. Scholefield calls attention to the large number of unpublished manuscripts acquired in the course of the last few years from obscure sources, of which he says: "Many of them are exceedingly valuable, and they give a unique distinction to the provincial collection, which is now one of the recognized repositories of historical materials relating to Northwest America generally, and to British Columbia in particular."

Dr. Newcombe attacks his task in a thoroughly commendable manner, and goes into the case so clearly and convincingly that no doubt can be left on any mind as to the entire circuit of the island, which he did in the summer of 1792. The claim was not made by Vancouver until he had assured himself of his right to do so, and the proof is set out by Dr. Newcombe. He then goes into the record of the authentic stages in the discovery of the passage round the island—Captains Lorie and Guise in 1786, and Wedgbrough's sketch of the track of the snow Experiment, Guise's vessel; Captain James Hanna's map of Queen charlotte Sound, made on a trip a few weeks later; the discovery and naming of the Strait of Fuca in 1787 by Captain C. W. Barkley, of the Imperial Eagle, a British ship sailing under Austrian colors; Captain John Meares' partial exploration of the strait and Captain Charles Duncan's sketch of the entrance, in 1788; and the voyages of the American Gray, the Spaniards and Capt. Robert Fulton, in 1789.

The memoir next goes into the allegations of Captain Kendrick that he had sailed around the island in the American sloop Washington in 1789. This myth, as Dr. Newcombe properly, on the evidence he adduces, terms it, was used by the United States in the San Juan boundary case. The contradictory contemporary statements of Meares on this trip are examined, and the evidence as to his lack of credibility as a witness. It is also shown that Kendrick left no record of claiming to have circumnavigated Vancouver Island although he had many opportunities of making such a statement, and that another American skipper, Captain Ingram, denied that the alleged voyage ever took place. A voyage around Nootka Island seems to be all that Kendrick ever did in the way of circumnavigating any land on this coast.

The maps illustrating the memoir are in themselves a source of interest, and add greatly to the value of the memoir. The whole is of the greatest credit to the department and the author, and forms an indication to the public of the worth of the work being done by the archives branch.

A feature of the monograph is the placing of the references to authorities in the margin instead of at the foot of the page, which will be found by all readers as a great relief from being forced to look down to the bottom and search among the notes for the reference. The eye takes it in at once as the lines are scanned to which the note applies. This is a feature which Mr. Scholefield has decided to adopt in all the memoirs of the department. He will, of course, be in a sense a general editor of the series, and will himself contribute a number of monographs.

## MEETINGS

No Meeting.—There will not be a meeting of L. O. L. 2374 to-morrow, Christmas evening.

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Evangelist to Preach.—William Sampson, the Cornish Evangelist will preach at the Nazarene Church, corner of Chambers and Fisguard streets on Sunday at 7.30.

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Public Dances.—A public dance will be held at Connaught hall to-night and another on Saturday night, under the management of C. Goodman. Ladies free.

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Sunday Subjects.—The subjects of Rev. A. de B. Owen's sermons at the Church of Our Lord at next Sunday's services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. will be "Unto us a Child is Born" and "True Wisdom."

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Emmanuel Baptist Church.—On Sunday evening there will be special music by a largely augmented choir and Rev. William Stevenson will preach on "The Mysterious Guide." The Children's Christmas Tree festival will be held at Shelbourne street hall on Monday, and at the Emmanuel church on Tuesday.

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Sunday Lecture.—On Sunday evening a special lecture will be delivered in the Columbia theatre on "The Spirits of Prison; Who are they and will they ever get out?" This is the first of a series of lectures arranged to be delivered in this theatre each Sunday evening at 7.30, by the Associated Bible Students. Seats are free and no collection will be taken.

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88th Military Band Concert.—Bandmaster Rowland has arranged a very fine programme for next Sunday evening's concert at Pantages theatre. A special "Christmas Number" and a selection of "Plantation Songs" will be included and a feature of the entertainment will be W. Davidson's impersonation of the American Bandmaster, J. P. Sousa.

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St. Barnabas' Services.—The Christmas services at St. Barnabas' church will be as follows: This evening (Christmas eve) there will be a choral celebration of the holy eucharist at 11.30. On Christmas day there will be a celebration at 8 a.m.; choral celebration, sermon and anthem at 11 a.m.; evensong at 5 p.m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher.

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Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment Band next Sunday evening at 8.45 will give its concert as usual, when the artists assisting on the programme will include Miss Barker, soprano; R. B. McKenzie, tenor; and E. Lougheed, baritone. The band numbers will include the Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night;" the sacred selection, "Eventide," and an excerpt from the "Balkan Princess."

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Special Christmas Service. — The scholars of the First Presbyterian Sunday school are to assemble at the church at 10.30 on Sunday morning, December 27, and will occupy the front pews of the church. The pastor has arranged a special service and the choir has prepared special music. Immediately after the church service the final written review of the lessons for the year 1914 will be held by the school. Six special prizes are to be given, and it is hoped that a record crowd of scholars will be present.

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Sunday School Rally — On New Year's morning the Methodist Sunday Schools of the city will meet at the Metropolitan Church as usual for the annual rally, when two short addresses will be given, the flag saluted, and a short programme carried through. Each child will be given a bag of candy and an orange on leaving the gathering, this being the little token distributed every year to the children who attend the proceedings. Rev. S. J. Thompson and Joseph Patrick will be the speakers.

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Wesley Entertainment — Wesley Methodist Sunday School will have its annual Christmas entertainment next Tuesday evening in the social hall of the church. There will be a splendid programme of tableaux, drills, singing and recitations by the children. Next Sunday the special Christmas services for the children will be held in the morning, when the singing will be conducted by the pupils themselves, and the pastor will give a special address for the small people. In the evening also the pastor will preach, and there will be special music by the choir. The Wesley children are joining the Metropolitan Methodist church in the big Christmas Day celebration that is to be held here.

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A service of song will be given in the Centennial Church, Gorge Road, on Sunday evening, December 27. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir under the leadership of W. C. Hembroff. Beginning promptly at 7 o'clock, an organ recital will be given. The programme will be of an appropriate nature and will include a patriotic number which has been specially arranged for the occasion by the organist. Members of the congregation will hear with regret that this recital and service will be the last occasion on which T. R. Myers will preside at the organ, after having filled the post from the time the new organ was installed, some four and a half years ago.


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It would be impossible to estimate how many families who little expected a Christmas dinner will have the unexpected pleasure, through the generosity of friends, of sitting down to as sumptuous a feast as is provided in any average home in the city. For quite apart from the larger philanthropic and other organized bodies who have made the filling of Christmas hampers one of their principal undertakings this season, many citizens have privately been distributing supplies for the dinner of all dinners in the year which should be a happy one for all. But it is easier to arrive at some sort of conclusion as to the number of families who are receiving Christmas dinners from the various societies who have organized for relief work or have undertaken it this year on account of the special pressure put upon the regular workers.

The Friendly Help society was mentioned yesterday as having distributed in the neighborhood of three hundred hampers containing all manner of supplies for the Christmas dinner as well as clothing and toys for the children. The Esquimalt Friendly Help society curiously enough sent out fewer hampers than last year, although about forty-five baskets containing groceries, a roast of meat, plum pudding, cake, fruit, candy, toys, clothing and vegetables, mostly contributed direct or in kind, were dispatched to families in the district yesterday.

The King's Daughters, too, have been busy packing boxes of supplies, Mrs. Morley being convenor of the committee in charge of this particular work which is quite in addition to the regular undertaking of the society—the rest room for girls. About fifty-five hampers were packed with supplies and distributed last evening.

For the first time the Daughters of the Empire have undertaken the supplying of hampers to needy families, and although for the past five months they have been making the most strenuous efforts in connection with the supply of socks, wristlets and other comforts for the soldiers either here or at the front, the additional task of packing one hundred hampers for needy families in the city was undertaken with enthusiasm, and by noon today the last box was nailed up and sent off. Each hamper contained a roast of meat or a chicken, vegetables, plum pudding, mince pie, cake, jam, tea, butter and fruit, and the gay paper coverings in themselves looked like a Christmas greeting. The gifts were all contributed by members of the Camosun chapter, which had the undertaking in hand, or by friends, and among those who very generously lent their motor cars for delivery of the hampers were Mesdames McPhillips, Herbert Kent, A. W. Jones, Dunsford, and Loewen, and James A. Griffith, while helping at the rooms were Mesdames A. F. Griffiths, Heisterman, Garrard, Herbert Kent, Luxton, Dunsford, Collinson, A. W. Jones, Dowdney, A. Wright, and Christie, as well as Herbert Kent and a number of the Victoria Boy Scouts, who have been of invaluable assistance in many similar undertakings this season.

The Camosun chapter also undertook the sending of Christmas hampers to many of the outposts where soldiers are stationed on military duty and fourteen boxes of supplies were shipped earlier in the week in time to get to the more distant places for Christmas.

The affiliated friendly societies is also responsible for more than forty hampers which were purchased with the proceeds of the entertainment given at the old Victoria theatre on Monday evening, this making up a total of about 540 hampers which have been sent through the five largest distributing bodies in the city this season.

# CANOPUS FIRST TO FIRE ON GERMANS

(Continued from page 1.)

It was apparent that she was sinking and could not be saved.

The Canopus ran up a series of flags indicating that firing would cease and boats would be sent out to save the officers and crew of the Scharnhorst. Admiral von Spee's reply was a last volley from the guns which had not been dismounted by the British shells.

Water filled the battered hull of the great Scharnhorst, she rolled a little in the seaway, her stern sank a little more and her bow raised out of the sea. Then suddenly there was a coughing of steam and the hulk of steel dropped out of view. Every man held to his place as the seas closed about him. Not a man was saved, and the admiral went down with his men.

Instantly the British resumed firing, this time centring their guns on the Gneisenau, which had continued firing while the flagship went down. She sounded "taps" for the admiral and his men, but every tap was a shell aimed at the British squadron.

For two hours more the Gneisenau fought. She knew that was her last fight. She was without coal or provisions to reach another port, but she had shells in her magazines and she was resolved to use them until she could fire no more.

With remarkable speed she darted back and forth, her manoeuvres designed to foil the aim of the British gunners. But she deceived herself. The Britons kept the Gneisenau in range every minute. Her turrets were unseated and she was "walking the seas on half a leg" before her big guns were silenced. Then she continued with her main deck guns, although they were hopelessly weak against the fire of the British.

When the Gneisenau went down there was not a man left above water. No quarter was asked, although the British again had signalled that they would save all the men who wished to leave the German cruiser.

The Leipzig, which had been in the battle line with the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, was engaged by the Glasgow and was sunk after a running fight. The Gneisenau went down 80 miles from Port Stanley, and it is understood that the Leipzig was near that point when she, too, went down, riddled through and through with British shells.

By order of Admiral von Spee the Nuernberg and the Dresden tried to escape when the British fleet first was discovered at Port Stanley. The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden, but the latter was too swift for her and got away. Swift British cruisers pursued the Nuernberg while the larger ships were firing upon the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, and sent her to the bottom a few miles away.

Even the two colliers which accompanied the Germans refused to surrender and had to be sunk. After the battle was ended the British war vessels lowered small boats and picked 194 men from the sea. Of these more than one hundred were of the crews of the two colliers.

Eight men were killed on board the British war vessels, most of them having been on board the Cornwall, which was the only vessel damaged. A shell hit her below the water line, and she had to hurry for Port Stanley. Four men were wounded. No other British vessel was damaged.

Passengers on board the Oriza said the Germans had been on their way to take possession of the Falkland Islands when they encountered the British.


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# Along the Waterfront

## Shipping News from Day to Day

## NIAGARA SAILS AFTER ANOTHER DELAY HERE

### Australian Liner Forced to Remain Here for 80 Bags of Mail; Seattle In.

When the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. C. T. Rolls, arrived at the outer docks this morning at 8 o'clock she was confronted with another delay and as a result it was after 4 o'clock in the afternoon before she finally got under way on her voyage to Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu, Suva and Auckland. The delay was caused through the big shipment of mail, which was routed here via Seattle, being held up on its journey. The steamer Iroquois reached here about 1.30 o'clock with nearly 800 bags of mail. The bags were discharged at the inner docks and had to be carted to the ocean docks and slung aboard the ship by the longshoremen.

The Niagara is carrying a very heavy mail shipment to the Antipodes. She was delayed at Vancouver twelve hours through the late arrival there of the European mail. Some of the men on board are sorry that the Niagara did not suffer a longer delay so that they could spend Christmas Eve ashore.

The big twin-stacker sailed with 3,600 tons of cargo, including a very heavy shipment of grain consigned to Auckland. One hundred and ninety-five passengers left on the steamship.

Seattle Maru Docks.

Shortly after the Niagara pulled out the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, Capt. Saito, made fast her mooring ropes at the outer docks. She was sixteen days making the run from Yokohama. The Seattle will discharge 195 tons of cargo here and proceed to Tacoma and Seattle.

## DAMAGED ADMIRAL SHIP AT SEATTLE TO REPAIR

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Steaming into port almost as speedily as if she were not handicapped by a hole in her bow and a badly twisted steam frame, the Admiral Evans, Capt. Edward Hickman, of the Admiral Line, arrived early yesterday morning from southwestern and southeastern Alaska. In spite of the injuries she received when she struck Bird Reef, at the entrance to Port Graham, the night of December 13, the steamer made a good run south.

Details of the accident reported to the company officials by Captain Hickman yesterday, show that the vessel struck the reef in an ugly combination of northeast gale and snowstorm as she was on her way into Port Graham harbor. She was on the rocks twelve minutes and then slid back into clear water. The reef broke in her forefoot. All the damage is forward of the collision bulkhead and in consequence the liner had no trouble going ahead with her schedule.

The vessel will be sent next Saturday or Monday to the plant of the Seattle Construction & Drydock company, where she will be drydocked to determine the extent of her injuries. The necessary repairs will probably be made at the same plant.

## KONGOSAN MARU ASHORE

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Ashore at Kurushima, the Japanese steamship Kongosan Maru, for Manila from San Francisco, November 19, must lighter her cargo before it can be hoped to float her from the rocks. This was the word received here to-day by cable to the chamber of commerce. Assistance has been sent.

## A DANDY XMAS PRESENT

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Captain George Roberts, one of the Vancouver pilots, modestly received congratulations, from his colleagues and from the shipping community this morning when it became known that Monday afternoon a daughter had joined the family. The popular pilot, who is always a cure for the blues, was a real ray of sunshine yesterday.

## LEIPZIG ACCOUNTED FOR SHIP DRUMMUIR

### Crew Were Put on Board German Vessel; General Marine News From 'Frisco

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The British ship Drummuir, en route from Swansea to this port with a cargo of 2,800 tons of coal, is reported here as sunk by the German cruiser Leipzig. The news came from the crew who were put on board a German merchant vessel. The Drummuir was purchased some time ago by Hind, Rolph & Co.

The whaling steamer Bowhead, owned by H. Liebes & Co., has just been sold here by the United States marshal for $1,375, Mrs. Esther Lehfelt being the purchaser. The Bowhead is one of the famous old-time whalers plying out of this port.

The steamer Olsen & Mahony has left for New York, lumber-laden. She is the vessel held up here by the local federal authorities. She was nearly loaded for Valparaiso when her clearance was denied on the supposition that she had supplies for the German fleet.

After ineffectually fighting the matter Flood Brothers, charterers of the boat gave up the voyage and discharged the cargo. Just after they had chartered the boat to New York word came from Washington giving her permission to clear for Valparaiso. Flood Brothers have decided to institute a suit against the local authorities for damages and loss of prospective profit.

Charters Announced.

The British steamer Swindon at Cardiff, has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., for wheat from Portland or Tacoma for the United Kingdom at 43s. 9d. She is the vessel reported last week as chartered by the firm.

The British steamer Muncaster castle has been chartered by Strauss & Co. for wheat from the north at private terms. She will come across from Yokohama in ballast.

The schooner Snow & Burgess has been chartered by J. J. Moore & Co., for a cargo of lumber from this port to Melbourne. The vessel is a five-masted schooner owned by Captain A. P. Lorentzen, who also owns the ship John Ena. The John Ena has just been chartered for a cargo of case oil from New York to Japan and will be the first full-rigged sailing ship to be sent through the canal.

## A SPLENDID RESCUE

A splendid rescue was effected in the inner harbor yesterday afternoon when Miss Jones, of the William Head quarantine station, was saved from drowning. The lady was making her way along the G. T. P. dock to the render Madge when she tripped and fell into the water. James H. McLaughlin, customs officer, heard the splash and upon hearing cries for help went to summon help. Wallace McKell, of the G. T. P. freight office, and Bert Watkin went to her assistance. The former had prepared to dive in, but finding that the lady could swim he lowered himself down to a stringer and caught hold of her and supported her until a raft which was on the other side of the dock was pulled around. L. L. Guptill jumped on to raft, assisted Miss Jones out of the water. The lady then went on board the Madge, and although at the time thoroughly exhausted from her 20-minute submersion in the cold waters, has now fully recovered.

## QUADRA ARRIVES.

The lighthouse tender Quadra, Capt. LeBlanc, returned to Victoria at noon to-day from a cruise in the Gulf. The tenders Estevan, Capt. Barnes and Lebro, Capt. Hunter, are expected in to-night from northern British Columbia.

## MONTEAGLE RETURNS TO RUN NEXT MONTH

### C. P. R. Steamship Released by Admiralty and is Leaving Hongkong in January

After being under the control of the British admiralty for the past four months, the C. P. R. liner Monteagle, Capt. R. L. Davison, R. N. R., has been released and will return to the trans-Pacific service some time next month. This news was received this morning by C. P. R. officials. The message stated that the four-master is due at Hongkong early in January from a port not named, and after an overhaul will load for Victoria and Vancouver, coming via Shanghai and Japan.

The Monteagle is the first vessel of the C. P. R. fleet to be released by the admiralty. The five ships operated by the company were requisitioned shortly after the outbreak of war and have been engaged in various capacities since. The Empresses of Russia and Asia have been doing scout duty and holding German shipping in harbors; the Empress of Japan and Monteagle have been troopships, and the Empress of India has been outfitted as a hospital ship.

The Pacific has been cleared of German warships, and as the war office will not require many troop ships for some time yet, the Monteagle has been released and will resume her run. The C. P. R. will welcome the return of one of their ships, as it will mark the recommencement of the heavy freights which were formerly hauled over the transcontinental rails.

Now Known As Loyalty.

Information received to-day states that the Gaekwar of Baroda has changed the name of the steamship Empress of India to the Loyalty. The vessel will act as a hospital ship to the Indian troops at the front until the cessation of hostilities, after which the Gaekwar will use her as a private yacht.

## COROZAL COMING TO LOAD AT GENOA BAY

### American Steamship to Take on 1,500,000 Feet for New York; Due Here To-day

Genoa Bay mills will ship 1,500,000 feet of lumber to New York on the American steamship Corozal, Capt. Baker, which is due to pass in at Cape Flattery to-day. The vessel was to have gone on berth at the mills immediately upon her arrival here, but owing to the fact that the British barque British Yeoman is loading and the Empire Lumber company is not quite ready for her, the Corozal will be ordered to Bellingham, Wash., to take on some general freight which has been booked for her there.

The Corozal is on her first visit to this coast. She is not a large vessel and has been engaged in coastwise business on the Atlantic for some time. The opening of the Panama Canal has enabled the smaller ships to come to this coast. The Corozal was reported leaving San Francisco for Victoria last Saturday night and is fully due to-day.

The Empire Lumber company intended furnishing the Corozal with 2,000,000 of lumber, but the mills are working to their capacity at present and the officials do not expect to be able to cut more than 1,500,000 feet for her. Many men are employed at the Genoa Bay plant. About 1,600,000 feet of lumber is being cut for the barque British Yeoman and the mills have now the additional order for the Corozal.

It is expected that the steamship will complete loading her Bellingham cargo early next week, and she will proceed at once to Genoa Bay to take on her shipment of lumber. The Corozal will be about ten or twelve days loading. She will make the trip to New York via the Panama Canal.

British Columbia lumber is in great demand in New York and other eastern cities and it is expected that many other large shipments will be sent from Vancouver Island to the Atlantic coast.

## BESSIE DOLLAR WILL TAKE SECOND CARGO

### Steamship Will Arrive at Genoa Bay in March to Load Lumber for Toronto

Announcement was made this morning by officials of the Empire Lumber company that the second shipment of lumber for the Toronto harbor improvements will be forwarded from Genoa Bay next March. The British steamship Bessie Dollar will arrive here from San Francisco to load slightly over 4,000,000 feet of lumber and she will make the trip to the East Coast via the Panama Canal. It is likely that the lumber will be discharged at East London, Conn., where the cargo of the Robert Dollar was landed.

The Empire Lumber company has a contract to furnish 25,000,000 feet of lumber for use in the construction of the extensive harbor works at Toronto. The Robert Dollar Steamship company submitted the successful tender for transporting the vast amount of lumber to a port on the East Coast, and so far one cargo has been delivered. Last July the steamship Robert Dollar sailed with 5,000,000 feet of lumber and although the owners expected to have the ship routed through the Panama canal, she had to make the tedious voyage through the Strait of Magellan. She was tied up in Rio de Janeiro for nearly a month, while Capt. Morton, her master, tried to change from British to American registry. She arrived at New York and was then ordered to proceed to East London, where her cargo was discharged and sent by rail to Toronto.

The Genoa Bay mills are now cutting two large orders, one for the British barque British Yeoman and the other for the American steamship Corozal. As soon as these two vessels depart the mill hands will devote their attention to assembling the big cargo for the Bessie Dollar. The company hopes to have most of the lumber cut for the ship when she arrives there so that she may be loaded as quickly as possible.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Dec. 23.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Schley, Seattle. Sailed: Queen and Wilmington for Seattle; Elizabeth, Bandon; Ohioan, New York.

Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Strs. Multnomah, Oregonian, San Francisco; Tricolor, Eureka. Sailed: Str. Yucatan, San Francisco.

Tacoma, Wash.—Str. Java Maru, Hongkong via ports. Arrived: Colusa, Valparaiso.

Astoria, Ore.—Arrived: Strs. Tricolor, Eureka; Rose City, San Francisco. Sailed: Strs. Oregonian, New York via San Francisco; Northland, San Francisco; William Chatham, San Francisco; Breakwater, Coos Bay.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Strs. Admiral Evans, Alaska; President, Sound ports; Selkirk, British Columbia ports. Sailed: Strs. Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; Cyclops, Liverpool via Orient.

### TIDE TABLE.

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The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

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## TIMES SHIPPING CHART

### DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

| Steamer | Master | Tonnage | Agents | From | Due |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle Maru | Saito | 3,846 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | Dec. 23 |
| Yokohama Maru | Komatsubara | 4,200 | G. Northern | Hongkong | Dec. 30 |
| Tambov | ..... | 2,773 | Balfour, Guthrie | Vladivostok | Dec. 31 |
| Mexico Maru | Kobyashi | 3,820 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | Jan. 8 |
| Director | Nicholson | 3,138 | Balfour, Guthrie | Liverpool | Jan. 10 |
| Awa Maru | Tominaga | 3,820 | G. Northern | Hongkong | Jan. 13 |
| Makura | Phillips | 4,921 | C. P. R. | Sydney | Jan. 14 |
| Ixion | Reisenhausen | 6,087 | Dodwell & Co. | Liverpool | Jan. 18 |
| Chicago Maru | Hori | 3,846 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | Jan. 22 |
| Shidzuoka Maru | Deguchi | 4,200 | G. Northern | Hongkong | Jan. 27 |
| Crown of Seville | Smith | 3,674 | Balfour, Guthrie | Liverpool | Feb. 8 |
| Movane | ..... | 2,212 | Dodwell & Co. | Liverpool | Feb. 10 |
| Niagara | Rolls | 7,582 | C. P. R. | Sydney | Feb. 11 |
| Oanfa | Lycett | 5,809 | Dodwell & Co. | Liverpool | Feb. 13 |
| Deucalion | ..... | 4,476 | Dodwell & Co. | Liverpool | Mar. 10 |

### DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

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| Sado Maru, G. N., Hongkong | Dec. 29 |
| Seattle Maru, R.P.Rithet, H'gk'g | Jan. 5 |
| Yokohama Maru, G.N., Hongkong | Jan. 12 |
| Mexico Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'gk'g | Jan. 19 |
| Makura, C. P. R., Australia | Jan. 20 |
| Antiochus, Dodwell, Liverpool | Jan. 20 |
| Niagara, C. P. R., Sydney | Feb. 17 |
| Ixion, Dodwell, Liverpool | Feb. 17 |

### SAILERS COMING.

Columbia, American schooner, from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads. To load lumber at Vancouver for Australia.

Wulff, Norwegian barque, from Arica, Chile, to load lumber at Victoria. Left Arica Oct. 30

### COASTING VESSELS.

**From Northern Ports.**

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| Prince John, G.T.P., Q. Charlottes | Dec. 25 |
| Prince George, G.T.P., P. Rupert | Dec. 27 |
| Princess May, C.P.R., Skagway | Jan. 4 |

**For Northern Ports.**

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| Prince John, G.T.P., Q. Charlottes | Dec. 25 |
| Princess May, C.P.R., Skagway | Dec. 25 |
| Prince George, G.T.P., P. Rupert | Dec. 28 |

**For West Coast.**

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| Tees, Holberg | Jan. 1 |

**From West Coast.**

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| Tees, Holberg | Dec. 27 |

**From San Francisco.**

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| Governor, Pacific Coast | Dec. 28 |
| President, Pacific Coast | Jan. 4 |

**For San Francisco.**

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| President, Pacific Coast | Dec. 25 |
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**For Comox.**

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| Charmer, C. P. R. | Dec. 29 |

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## SPORTING NEWS

### KING'S COLT THE DERBY FAVORITE

London, Dec. 24.—The racing season under the auspices of the Jockey club closed with the king's stable as owner of the year's best colt, Friar Marcus, which is regarded as the most promising candidate for next year's Derby. Friar Marcus went through the season undefeated, a distinction enjoyed by no other juvenile of note.

The list of winning owners is headed, for the second time in succession, by J. B. Joel, whose dozen winners captured an average of two races apiece, worth in the aggregate about $155,000, as against $60,000 taken by his majesty, who ranks sixth in the list. Three-fourths of the king's total was won by Friar Marcus. Among the first twenty names of winning owners there is not a man of moderate means.

Among the trainers, Alec Taylor was the most successful, horses from his Manton stables winning $160,000. In the list of winning jockeys, the Irish rider, Steve Donoghue, stands easily first.

### THISTLE TEAM.

The Thistle team will take the field as follows for their game with the Sir John Jacksons at the Royal Athletic park Saturday: Goal: Shrimpton; backs, Newland, Captain, and Taylor; halves, Stronach, Adams and Brown; forwards, Caskie, Muir, Pickering, Ingles and Whittaker. All Thistle players are requested to be on the grounds at 2.15.

### MAGEE GOES TO BRAVES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—Sherwood R. Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia Nationals, was to-day traded to the Boston Nationals for cash and some players. The deal was put through at a meeting held in New York to-day by President W. F. Baker of the Philadelphia club and President James Gaffney of the Bostons.

### MONTREAL BOUTS.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Johnny Lustig and Harry Condón, both of New York, have been signed for a bout before the Montreal Sporting club next Monday night. Charlie McCarthy, the local boxing hockey player, has been matched to meet Patsy Drouillard, the Windsor lightweight, in a ten-round bout before the Canadian Athletic club next Tuesday night.

### CANUCKS TO ROW.

London, Dec. 24.—A notable event will be included in the programme in connection with the charity regatta at Richmond on the morning of "Boxing Day," when the Winnipeg Rowing club members, whose crew is at present in training with the Canadian contingent, will oppose an eight made up of well known British scullers and oarsmen. The regatta is promoted for the Belgium relief fund and Richmond hospital.


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# SPORTING NEWS

## M'KAY BEATEN IN TOUGH BATTLE

## ROSS WINS FROM LOCAL BANTAM

### Splendid Amateur Card by V. I. A. A. Last Night; Cropper Loses on Foul to Marshall

Plenty of good boxing, one or two comedy battles and a world of that real old battling stuff that makes one's blood tingle, were served up to the fistic fans at the old Victoria theatre last night when the Vancouver Island A. A. A. staged their first tourney of the season. A bumper crowd was on hand to view the proceedings and that they were given the worth of their tickets goes without saying, the entire programme being carried out without a single event being cancelled. The surprise of the evening was the defeat of Al. Davies at the hands of Geo. Ross, of Vancouver, while W. Stewart, the husky Albert Head heavyweight, again proved his superiority over Scotty McKay, flooring the plucky Scot repeatedly until the gong sounded with McKay wobbly.

James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of the world, was the third man in the ring for the feature bout between McKay and Stewart, the former title-holder also tickling the crowd with a few well-chosen words. Corbett is certainly at home on the stage, and but for his Pantages' vaudeville contract, would have given one or two reminiscences of his ring career. The programme had to be held up for Corbett, who could not reach the theatre until after his vaudeville turn. The delays made the crowd impatient, but the management wisely decided that it would be better to have a few delays between the bouts than disappoint those who had come to get a glimpse of the famous heavyweight as a referee.

There is no limit to the courage of McKay, but in Stewart he was meeting a heavyweight, one of those iron men, who can hit with either mitt. McKay attempted to tire his opponent in the first two rounds by circling him and evading his lunges, but Stewart appeared in perfect shape, and when the local welterweight did start to mix things, Stewart's superior weight and strength told. McKay was plucky and kept plugging away, at the same time assimilating a world of punishment. He was floored no less than six times in the second and third rounds, Stewart finally putting his man away with a vicious right swing that ended the bout. It was a nifty final, but McKay attempted to give too big a handicap in weight. Stewart looks the best heavy developed in Victoria for some time.

Geo. Ross' deadly left and his continual leading gave him a decided edge over Al. Davies in their semi-final. Davies was in no condition to enter the ring, having weakened himself getting down to 115 lbs., with proper training. Ross, with a face like a cherub, appeared a mere stripling, but soon showed that he possessed a terrific left which he kept pounding into Davies' face continually. The local boy warmed up in the third round and the judges disagreed on the decision, the bout going an extra two minutes, Ross being awarded the decision by the referee because of his superior boxing and point scoring. The Vancouver boy is but sixteen years of age and should make a name for himself in pugilistic circles.

Jack Larrigan won by a shade from Stanley James, of the Sir John Jackson club. This bout was one of the best of the evening, the boys being well matched. James uncovered a lot of speed and possessed a hefty right cross, but he fell foul of a terrific right chop of Larrigan's that gave the bout to the local boy. James had a slight lead at the time and looked a winner, but rushed Larrigan, the latter whipping an uppercut from his hip that dropped the Albert Head lightweight to his knees. He was groggy from then on, but finished like a tiger, fighting fiercely in the clinches. Larrigan is improving every time out and should be a consistent winner for the club this season.

Perhaps the most improved boxer of the local squad is Scott Cropper, who broke even in a pair of bouts last evening. Cropper lost the first contest to Marshall, of the Seattle Athletic club, but won easily in his bout with Corpl. Manders. The Marshall bout went to the Seattle boy on an unintentional foul in the third round. Cropper had a safe lead at the time and it was only over-anxiousness that robbed him of a pair of victories. He had Marshall badly beaten and very tired when he floored the Sound City boy in the final session. Marshall went down on both hands and knees and before Cropper could stop a right swing he hit Marshall on the kidneys, the referee having no other recourse but to give Marshall the fight. The latter claimed a foul and refused to continue. Cropper is rounding into a much faster boxer than formerly, and is adding speed to his already hard hitting ability. Marshall was outweighed by twelve pounds.

Billy Sneddon outclassed Roy Baker in four rounds, the winner doing all the leading. Dynamitus Jackson had too much strength for McDermott, though the latter was clever, while the scream of the evening was provided by Ptes. Fairclough and Crookes. The boys battled hard, Fairclough winning on his "delayed" punch that connected a number of times.

### THE WINNERS

125 lbs.—Dynamitus Jackson, V. I. A. A., beat N. H. McDiarmid, V. I. A. A.

135 lbs.—Private Fairclough beat Private Brooks.

115 lbs.—Private Sneddon beat R. Baker, V. I. A. A.

129½ lbs.—Frank Marshall, Seattle Athletic club, beat Scott Cropper, V. I. A. A.

135 lbs.—J. Larrigan, V. I. A. A., beat S. James, Sir John Jackson A. C.

115 lbs.—Scott Cropper beat Corpogal Manders.

115 lbs.—George Ross, Vancouver Commercial A. C., beat Al. Davies, V. I. A. A.

158 lbs.—W. Stewart, Sir John Jackson A. C., beat Scotty McKay, V. I. A. A.

Referees—J. Gorman, Leighton and J. J. Corbett. Timekeeper—L. Oliver. Announcer—G. I. Warren. Judges—J. M. Warren and L. F. Lee.

## CYCLONE SCOTT IS AFTER BIGGER GAME

Cyclone Scott is after big game from now on. This morning the Cyclone received a letter from George Paris, who has taken over the Hastings A. C. in Vancouver, asking the local middleweight to name his terms for a bout with any of the mainland middleweights. Scott will reply immediately.

Scott prefers to meet Battling Robinson, a colored boy, who has just returned from Europe, and when abroad fought Georges Carpentier and many English middleweights.

A year ago Scott met Tex Foster in Cumberland, the pair boxing a 15-round draw, and they should draw well on their return engagement.

## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

**Spokane Manager Still a Mystery.**

Though Tealey Raymond failed to shove Charlie Fullerton unto the Spokane club as a manager, Owner Farr refuses to state who he will place at the head of his club next season. It is a certainty that he will not have Mike Lynch, for the fighting Irishman did not make good last season. The sale of Brenegan to Spokane means that Danny Shea is out of the running, and it would now seem as if Nick Williams had the call. The McCredies could turn over a bunch of players to the Indians in exchange for a little "farming," but the Spokane management announce that they will own all of their players this season, so that disposes of this rumor. Scharnweber, the Vancouver short-stop and captain, is another spoken of as a possible successor to Lynch.

**Bayley and Burns Bout Would Provide a Real Battle.**

It is often said that a pair of boxers give little more than a dancing exhibition when they meet in the ring. If Morris Condon can bring together Rough-house Charlie Burns and Joe Bayley, he will be giving the Canadian fight fans the best treat in years. Burns is a tough boy, one who likes the distance route and who can slug with the best of them. Bayley's fondness for the mixing game is well known and it will be a rare old tilt when the pair come together. Burns says that he can beat any of the northwest lightweights over the twenty-round route and Bayley will likely give him a chance to prove this assertion.

The Nobel peace prize appears to be a derelict. After the squabbling in rugby football, it was anticipated the hockey people would have a crack at it, but with the Patricks and N. H. A. making counter claims, there appears no chance.

The suggestion of Dr. Bull, of Yale, for the football men of Canada and the United States to get together and frame a standard set of playing rules which would bring about an annual international game, is a grand one and can be carried through successfully if each side is prepared to meet the other half way. The one obstacle that might be encountered is the Canadian Rugby Football union, presumably a body to govern the game in Canada, which has shown no disposition to improve the game. The C. R. F. U. is responsible for two or three different sets of rules already being played in this country and is practically recognized by one union, viz.:—the Interprovincial. If the proposed new governing football union comes into existence it will help rugby in Canada a great deal. The C. R. F. U. has been the poorest apology in its line of any athletic body Canada has ever seen.

**Benefit Soccer Match Deserves Support.**

Professional hockey players broke into the limelight on Saturday in the east by staging a couple of benefit hockey matches, and Victorians will be given an opportunity to support a like worthy object on Christmas Day, when the Patriotic match will be played at the Royal Athletic park. The Scottish-All-Comers fixture should be a rare football tit-bit, and here's hoping that the Good Fellows turn out in record numbers to help along a splendid cause.

## BENEFIT SOCCER AT THE BALL PARK

### Scottish Eleven Will Meet Picked Team; Cup Ties on Saturday

Scotland vs. All-Comers is the Christmas morning soccer fixture at the Royal Athletic park. On paper the teams appear very evenly matched, and providing the weather in pleasant the game should be a first-class exhibition.

Of former years the Turkey Day fixture was a game between Old Country Country and Native Sons, but this became too common, and the Scots being so strongly represented in the Senior league, decided to challenge a team of All-Comers.

Sizing up the Scotsmen lineup, it will not be at all astonishing should they emerge victorious over the allied team. Their attack appears to equal that of their opponents, their half-back division is exceptionally strong, and their defence also equals that of the All-Stars.

All the proceeds will be donated towards the patriotic fund. Mr. Allen will referee the match. The teams lineup as follows:

Scotland—Goal, Rodgers (Civic Service); backs, Newlands (Thistles), and Sheriff (Jacksons); half-backs, Niven (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles) and J. Allan (Jacksons); forwards, Caskie (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), Nichol (Jacksons), Inglis (Thistles) and G. Allan (Jacksons).

Allied team—Goal, Thorburn (Jacksons); backs, Whyte (Wests) and Tunnecliffe (Jacksons); half-backs, Petticrew (Wests), Blendall (Jacksons) and Brown (Thistles); forwards, Kerley (Jacksons), Pilkington (Wests), Hine (Wests), Douglas (Jacksons) and Baker (Wests). Reserves, Sherrat (Wests) and Hill (Jacksons).

To avenge themselves for the defeat they suffered last Saturday at the hands of the Albert Head team is the one ambition of the Thistles in their game with Sir John Jacksons this week-end in the cup game. Last Saturday the Thistles played in hard luck against the Albert Head eleven, losing 1-0, when they at least deserved a draw. With the reappearance of Jimmy Adams to steady the half-back division, Fred Brown, who was absent last Saturday, and Pickering on the forward line, the Scots might reverse the decision.

Last week-end's check was sufficient to scare the Jacksons, and all week they have been training like beavers and expect to win decisively. Which team is triumphant Saturday will about cinch the Peden silverware as either of these teams should dispose of the Civic Service or C. P. R. without much difficulty.

While the cup game between the Civic Service and C. P. R. will hardly be as spectacular as that between the senior teams, it will be equally as evenly contested. The C. P.'s rule a slight favorite over the city employees, but the latter are confident of victory. With the addition of Rodgers between the posts, they will make the railway men hustle.

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The following have been selected to represent the Sir John Jackson A club against the Thistles, in the semi-final for the Peden cup, on Saturday next: Thorburn, Sheriff, Tunnicliffe, Blendall, Green, Niven (captain), Kerley, Nichol, Hill, Douglas, Clarkson. Reserves, G. Allan and J. Allan. Linesman, C. W. Norton.

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The Civic Service team to play C. P. R. in the cup tie Saturday, first lower grounds, is as follows: Rodgers, Bridges, McGhie, Shearman, Haines, Maxwell, Sid. Thomas, Swan, Bridges, Bartholomew, Shearer. Reserves, Martin and Thomson. Referee, Goward.

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Arrangements have been made to have the fife and drum band of the 88th Fusiliers provide the music at to-morrow morning's benefit soccer match at the Royal Athletic park.

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At last night's meeting of the Victoria Football association, the protest against the Civic Athletic association victory over the C. P. R. last Saturday was thrown out.

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Saturday's Peden cup tie between the Thistles and Wests will be played at the Royal Athletic park.

## OUTLAWS BEATEN IN CLOSE GAMES

Wholesalers took a brace of games from the Outlaws last night at the Arcade alleys, the scores being:

Wholesalers.

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| Holbig | 128 | 162 | 169 | 459 |
| Peters | 187 | 99 | 138 | 424 |
| Murray | 125 | 127 | 99 | 351 |
| Rolland | 153 | 135 | 162 | 450 |
| Pirie | 157 | 161 | 171 | 489 |
| | 750 | 684 | 739 | 2173 |

Outlaws.

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| Billingsley | 125 | 217 | 149 | 491 |
| Procknow | 126 | 127 | 104 | 357 |
| S. Patterson | 163 | 133 | 99 | 395 |
| A. Patterson | [illegible] | 180 | 172 | 477 |
| Alexander | 161 | 183 | 152 | 496 |
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## GOLD DUST DUO OFF THEIR STRIDE

TOMMY DUNDERDALE

BUBBIE KERR

One of the chief reasons why Victoria has dropped the opening games in the P. C. H. A. schedule is that the "Gold Dust" twins have failed to get their eyes in scoring trim. Dunderdale and Kerr accounted for three-quarters of the Victoria goals last season, and if the locals are to retain the Coast championship for another year, these boys are the men upon whom the fans depend to get the goals. So far the pair are at a loss to explain their slump in "batting," but Manager Patrick is confident that when they do hit their real stride that they will simply ride over the defence of the Vancouver and Portland clubs. Dunderdale is heavier than last year, which should be a big help to him in battling through the opposing defences. As for Kerr, he went into the game last year far from well. He nearly topped the league in scoring, but this year, with added weight and better health, he will just about cop the scoring honors.

## TOMMIE SMITH AWARDED TO COAST

## ROWE HURT IN STRENUOUS WORKOUT

### Ronan Remains With Ottawa According to Arbitrator's Decision; Dunderdale's Knee Injured Yesterday

Word has been received from the east that James Taylor, the arbitrator selected to handle the Smith-MacDonald case and Ronan draft, has awarded Smith to the coast, MacDonald to the Ontarios and Ronan to Ottawa. It is probable that the Vancouver team will bring Smith out immediately to strengthen their scoring department, while Portland will be unable to secure Ronan. Quebec will have to return Jackie MacDonald to the Ontarios, while Tommie Smith will leave the latter club for the coast. Manager Mike Quinn, of Quebec, announced yesterday that he would fight any effort to have MacDonald sent back to the Ontarios so that a further effort may be made to keep Smith in the east as the Ontarios will not allow him to leave unless MacDonald reports to this club.

Bobby Rowe is under the care of a dentist as the result of a battling practice which the champions put in yesterday afternoon. Rowe and Poulin got into a mixup, the former losing three of his lower front teeth when Poulin's stick flew up after being checked. The Victoria forward was hurried to a doctor who stiched up his lip, while a dentist was also called in to replace the lost molars. The affair was entirely accidental and Poulin was greatly worried over the lost ivories. Tommy Dunderdale was also layed out for a time, hurting his knee when Manager Patrick checked him later in the workout.

The champions showed a lot of pepper in yesterday's workout and they will take a lot of beating at Portland on Saturday night. The team leaves to-morrow for the south and Manager Patrick will take his entire squad along with them. This match is going to be a real contest, Portland being determined to win their first victory on home ice at the expense of the champions. The management of the local team are holding back several trades until this match is over as unless the team gets back into winning stride at once, changes will be made that will produce results.

A special skating programme will be given to-morrow at the Arena by Rowland's band and there will be no amateur matches in the evening, skating being held at all three sessions. Plans are being laid for a huge Carnival the latter part of next month, definite announcement of the date to be made later.

Montreol, Dec 24.—Hockey followers are just now beginning to take notice of the change in the affairs of the Ontarios of Toronto and to realize that the usual and constitutional procedure has not been been gone through, at least so far as anybody knows. It has always been accepted as one of the provisions of the N. H. A. constitution that no sale or transfer of a club could take place without the unanimous consent of the clubs in the association. Nothing in the way of such a proposition has been laid before the other clubs, according to the current report.

This has given rise to a rumor generally credited that the Ontarios have only a new manager, but that there has been no change in ownership, nor any sale or transfer of the N. H. A. franchise of the club. President Emmett Quinn was in Toronto last week, but it is said that his visit had no connection with the alleged sale of the Ontarios, that matter never having come before the N. H. A. for ratification.

## WESTHOLME WINNERS IN STRAIGHT GAMES

### Close Fight for Leadership of Billiard League; Cameron Sets New Record

Winning all five games from the C. and C. billiard team at the Westholme parlors last night and advanced within striking distance of the league leaders, the Broad street and Richardson fives. Cameron, of the winners, with a break of 67, set a new mark for this league, while all of the Westholme team played at top form. The scores and league standing are as follows:

| Westholme. | C. and C. |
|---|---|
| Cameron, 250. | Breadfoot, 146. |
| Ashworth, 250. | Woods, 169. |
| Scott, 250. | Fortin, 212. |
| Marshall, 250. | Rice, 205. |
| Beech, 250. | Sayers, 189. |

League Standing.

| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Broad Street | 7 | 3 | .700 |
| Richardson | 7 | 3 | .700 |
| Westholme | 10 | 4 | .666 |
| St. James | 5 | 5 | .500 |
| C. and C. | 1 | 14 | .66 |

"It is in the public billiard rooms that the future of the games lies," is the statement credited to R. B. Benjamin, the well known sports promoter, who was here recently with the Inman-Hoppe combination. Mr. Benjamin states that while the clubs are also strong supporters of billiards, the public rooms, where a man may drop in without being a member, is the real stronghold of the game. Pocket billiards, or "pool" as it is commonly called, is a very popular game in the public rooms, especially among the working men. In the finer halls, however, American and English billiards have the call.

During the week in which the pocket billiard championship match between Bennie Allen and James Maturo, of Denver, was in progress at Kansas City, prominent roomkeepers of Missouri met there for the purpose of forming a state billiard association, having for its main object the uplift of the game by regulating it from within.

This is only one of a number of similar campaigns in which the better element in billiards is striving to eliminate some of the abuses which bring discredit on the most popular form of indoor sport ever devised.

There are thousands of high class rooms in which men from all walks of life enjoy their favorite pastime. The billiard room is an essential in all high class clubs and a most valuable adjunct to the headquarters of many fraternal organizations. It has proved a profitable addition to many Y. M. C. A.'s and each year sees the barriers of prejudice against the game being broken down.

**JUNIOR MATCH.**

The Provincial Government Junior Athletic association will play their first football match on Christmas day at 10.30 a. m., at the North-Ward park against the Y. M. C. A. The following players are requested to turn out: Goal, E. D. Beilby; fullbacks, W. Smillie and S. Hawkins; halfbacks, K. Greig, A. Smillie and G. R. Ford; forwards, L. Francis, J. L. Ward, N. Ballantine (captain), W. Cochrane and W. Buckett. Reserves: E. Bidlake, C. Ferris and W. J. Gibson.

**HOLIDAY RUN.**

The annual Christmas hunt run will be held at 10.30 to-morrow morning. The members will gather at Fort street and Fowl Bay road, running northwest for a time and then swinging east to Cadboro Bay. A large number of the B. C. Horse are expected to be out. These expert and popular horsemen will insure a spirited and interesting run.

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## DONOVAN NAMED AS NEW LEADER

### Former Detroit Hurler to Handle New York Americans; Kaufman Gets "Cut"

That Wild Bill Donovan will be the new head is the latest rumors from Gotham. The deal whereby Col. Ruppert purchases the American League club from Frank Farrell and Bill Devery has been completed and it is now up to Ban Johnson to place a winner in the big town. It is said that Donovan, who piloted the Providence club to a championship in the International league last year, will be given the pick of the surplus players in the American league from which to build up a club.

The players involved were thought to be Rheg, Boston; High and Pipp, Detroit, and Mills, St. Louis. These men probably will be transferred for moderate cash considerations and Donovan will be given a chnace to figure on trades for other men after he takes hold of the rejuvenated team.

The price for the franchise and players' contracts already held by the club has been given as about $420,000. One or two useful outfielders, a first baseman and two or three pitchers and perhaps a good catcher and utility infielder, were recognized as needs of the New York team, but what individuals were considered in this connection was not made known. Gossip centered on Olaf Henricksen, of the Boston Americans.

It is rumored that Dick Kauffman, the veteran Tacoma heaver, will be forced to accept a cut in salary or have to find another berth. The same goes for Cy Neighbors, another high-priced expert.

New York, Dec. 12.—Bozeman Bulger is responsible for the declaration that Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants is to spend $47,000 in an effort to develop a few good ball players. In a recent article in a New York newspaper Bulger said:

"McGraw's experiment of taking 52 players to Marlin next spring in the hope of picking at least two or three good players, is perhaps the biggest gambling chance ever taken in the big league. Anyway it breaks, this experiment will stand the club a financial loss of $47,000, but McGraw figures that if he even gets two good men the dough will not have been spent in vain. In selling the surplus players off to minor leagues McGraw will be lucky indeed if he can get an average of $700 a player. Thirty-two at that price total $22,400. Take this from the $70,000 paid out and you get a pretty fair idea of what it costs to try and build up a team in the big league.

"The Brooklyn Federal League club, for instance, did not take in $30,000 at the gate all last season."

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Hunky Shaw is in town from his place across Lake Washington. He would like to catch on with John S. Barnes' new club or with Victoria.

## RUGBY CLASH FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

### Crack Teams Will Play To-morrow Afternoon at Oak Bay; the Lineups

"There will be better rugby shown in Saturday's match at Oak Bay than in any previous match this season," was the statement of Secretary Nicholson, of the Victoria Union. "The Soldiers have one of the finest collections of backs in the province, and I will be greatly mistaken if they do not show more speed than the Vancouver team when they played here a month ago."

It was said yesterday that Carew Martin would not be able to play, but efforts are being made to have him in the game. A. H. Hill will referee, with Messrs. Spalding and Palmer as linesmen. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp and a general admission of 25 cents will be charged, this including the grand stand.

The Union "Rep." team is as follows: Fullback, A. Knox (Welsh); three-quarters, F. Nason, C. Vincent, Alf. Adams (Bays); and C. Kilpatrick (University); five-eight, A. C. Chalk; halves, W. Newcombe (Capt.), and Joe Shires (Bays); forwards, Arthur Adams, A. Griffiths, D. Gray, S. Rees (Welsh), C. Sedger, H. Ross, J. B. MacLachlan (vice-capt.) (Bays.)

Reserves—Backs, S. James Welsh), and T. Heyland (Bays.) Forwards—C. Sanson, T. Norris (Bays.)

Willows—Fullback, Trooper Spencer (capt.); three-quarters, Cpl. Meredith, Cpl. Galliher, Captain Townsend and Tpr. Hines; five-eighths, Sergt. Grant, Lieut. Morton; halfback, Pte. McNaught; forwards, Cpl. Heinekey, Lieut. Carstairs, Lieut. Ackland, Tpr. Scott, Sgt. Baum, Pte. Gillespie and Pte. Patterson.

A practice of the Victoria representative fifteen will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Probably Walter Johnson will play with the Federals when the courts look into his acceptance of a salary advance.

Wests and the Fifth Regiment soccer teams play at Garrison grounds on Saturday.

## FOR SEAMEN'S CHILDREN

**Twenty-Five Small Boys and Girls Guests of Daisy Chain Chapter; Christmas Tree.**

For the second time this week the hall at the Connaught Seamen's institute was gay with lights and the merry voices of children when yesterday afternoon the members of the Daisy Chain chapter, I. O. D. E., under their regent, Mrs. F. A. McDiarmid, entertained twenty-five small boys and girls, the children of sailors in the port.

There was a Christmas tree, lent by the Navy League chapter which had held an entertainment of a similar character the previous day at the same place. But before this was revealed in all its glory to the little guests there was a sumptuous tea, served at three o'clock, and, judging by the heartiness with which the youngsters partook of it, thoroughly appreciated by everyone. In order that the full beauty of the tree might be revealed, "lighting-up" was postponed until after dark, and in the intervening time the young hostesses kept their small guests entertained with games and music, while a few marching exercises were carried through by the chapter members.

Then the lights were turned on, and beneath the swaying boughs with their glint of tinsel and gold were revealed parcels of all shapes and sizes which were not long finding their way to the little folk for whom they were destined. There were two or three things for each little boy or girl, and perhaps among the most cherished of the gifts were the baby dolls dressed by the members of the Daisy Chain chapter themselves, who for weeks past have been busy getting things in readiness for the event.

## SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

**Children of the Cranberry Marsh School, Salt Spring Island, Give a Splendid Programme.**

The children of the Cranberry Marsh school gave their annual entertainment to the parents and friends on Thursday evening last. There was no Christmas tree owing to the fact that the usual kind and liberal donors to this fund having been called on to help so many of the numerous patriotic funds, it decided not to ask for their contributions for a tree. At the conclusion of the entertainment the children were given a sumptuous tea, and candies, nuts and oranges in plenty, and games were indulged in until a late hour.

The teacher, Mrs. White, of Victoria, who has had charge of the school since the summer holidays, had arranged a delightful programme, and the splendid way in which it was rendered by the children reflects great credit on her, every one voting it the best entertainment ever given in the school.

The chief items were "a musical Japanese fan drill by 10 girls, dressed as Japanese girls, who kept perfect time to the music, and a play entitled "Red Riding Hood," in three parts, Maggie Mason taking the part of the mother and little Nellie Nobbs making a most proficient Red Riding Hood. The comic action song, "Doubtful Jane," sung by Maggie Nobbs, caused much amusement, the actions being given by six girls. Mrs. Harry Rogers acted as accompanist.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the unexpected and welcome appearance of Privates Harold Rogers, H. Bowers, R. Mason and F. Eels, four of the seven young volunteers which this little district has sent to answer their empire's call, who arrived home the evening before on a few days' leave. The enthusiastic way in which "Tipperary" and "God Save the King" were sung by the children (the audience joining in) leaves little doubt as to the patriotic feeling of this part of the community.

The programme included songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., by all the children, and dialogues by the Misses Ella Rogers, J. and C. Nobbs and Oswald Rogers.

## MEET IN NANAIMO

**B. C. Federation of Labor Will Hold Convention; Unemployment Principal Question.**

The executive of the B. C. Federation of Labor has arranged to hold the annual convention, which was set for Nanaimo at the last annual gathering, on January 25 and succeeding days. It has been the practice for the last few years for the federation to meet during the early days of the session of the legislature, so that, after the resolutions have been passed and the resolutions drafted into shape by the new executive they might be presented to the government.

"Owing to the industrial situation and the movement from the prairie provinces of the surplus labor there, aggravating the difficult problem on the coast, the question of unemployment," President Watchman says, "will have paramount importance at this gathering. We are already receiving information of the passage of resolutions by various bodies asking the federation to organize the unemployed. What will be done is at present uncertain, as we are dealing with a situation which, while becoming more chronic each winter, is particularly difficult now."

It is not expected there will be so large a delegation from the Boundary and Kootenay districts on this occasion as during past years, nor that the sessions will be so prolonged as at the last convention. The leaders are hopeful that the government will indicate what line of action is to be taken early in the coming year on the report of the royal commission on labor, which reported last session.

Two motorists were crawling up a highway on a day in spring, where lately a friend (then riding with one of them) knew they had formerly gone at top speed. The friend asked why the car was run so slowly. "Why," explained the driver of the car, with perfect naivete, "everybody's carrying home garden tools now, and you can't run over a man without risking a puncture."

## OUR LETTER BOX

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### FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor.—Replying to your two letters of "A. C." in your recent issues, I should like to explain what should have been stated in further detail in my first letter, viz., that this question of easing property taxation is one which affects every man, woman and child in Victoria. If all the product of rents goes in interest and taxes there is nothing left for investment. Building it at a standstill, hupdreds of men are thrown idle, and then when trade revives, as it will, property has been so hard hit that investors are shy and we lack the necessary capital for investment.

"A. C." has a fling at property owners when he says that I belong to a class which was glad enough of high assessments in the boom times because it helped to impress the investor with the idea of high values. Admitted, for property owners are human like all other men, but conditions have changed and it will not help the city now, or do anything to pull us out of the hole, to prove that assessments rushed too high and that property owners acquiesced. The question is, what is the best thing to do now, and I have yet to meet the first man who disagrees with the proposition that taxes should be substantially reduced.

One word in reply to Mr. Rust, who said in reply to my comparison with sanitary work in Winnipeg, that the comparison was unfair because the Prairie City was under snow five months every year. Mr. Rust surely forgot that the cost of snow removal mounts up to an enormous figure, and does not come far, if any, short of evening up matters. I do not suggest an exact parallel, but 100 per cent. more in Victoria leaves a big margin for economizing.

F. LANDSBERG.

Victoria, Dec. 22, 1914.

### MATTERS MUNICIPAL.

To the Editor:—There has been considerable talk in and out of the council about saving election expenses this year and allow the whole bunch to go back by acclamation. Would it not be establishing a bad precedent? This is the time for them to give an account of their doings, their good deeds as well as their misdeeds. Of course their misdeeds they will not confess. That is left for the cranks and critics to find out as best they can. But the taxpayers should be thoroughly informed on future policy.

As things have been going for the last five years in a way that if continued will lead to bankruptcy, it is high time that we take stock and see where we are at. Has this year's council been any better than any previous ones? Have they not followed exactly in the line of policy adopted by previous ones? If expenses have been curtailed lately, was it not simply because they had no money left?

The aldermen and trustees may all be men who have been successful in private business. The directors of the Bankers' Trust and of the Dominion Trust may also have been honorable and able business men, but where did they land with the funds?

The aldermen may be able, honest and honorable, but when swelled-head ideas are allowed to dominate the policy it can only lead to final ruin and disaster.

For instance, look at the paving matter as it has been financed and conducted.

An ordinary street, to do the sidewalks, gutters and a 24-foot asphalt pavement with concrete base, with a few sewer connectons, surface drain connections and water connections overhauled or thrown in, by the time it is constructed, and inspected costs at a very moderate estimate $65,000 per mile cash, and as there is now about 65 miles of pavement in the city it means with inspection four and a quarter millions. Add to this the interest, all to be paid in ten years, and it means at least five and a half millions to be raised by the taxpayers. The bulk of this is on the frontage tax system and not included in the regular taxes. Then there is the amount paid for expropriations. Take, for example, the corner of Pandora and Douglas—$100,000 paid for ground that might possibly bring in a revenue of $50 per month, or $600 a year, a good dividend on a $10,000 investment, which ought to be a fair value. The honest, the innocent, the guileless alderman that is supposed to protect the taxpayer, fallen into the hands of the sharper and shark.

On at least a few of the streets paved there are lots that may bring in a revenue of $300 a year with from $800 to a thousand dollars a year taxes charged against them. Who will want the lots? Who can pay the taxes on such property? Yet it is the result of a policy advocated and adopted by the majority only a few years ago.

The same men that induced the city to adopt this policy also changed the sewer policy, which was that the interest and sinking fund for sewer loans be charged to sewer rentals.

After the paving policy had been adopted and money was wanted for surface drains, they asked for a large sewer loan, but did not tell the people that they would charge it to general revenue or that much of it would be spent on surface drains. No; they hoodwinked and bamboozled the taxpayer, not only pulled the wool over their eyes, but whole sheepskins.

Now the taxpayer is in for it. What is he going to do about it? Return the same bunch as usual of course. Politicians and societies and such organizations, of course, will see that their friends will get back into office as usual.

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(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 102, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe is all run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street in, through or past which any water main or pipes are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all waterworks heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all waterworks hereafter constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise in connection therewith the rights provided by Subsec. 102 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes;

(e) Validating the Marigold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Law and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the areas set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the above.

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# The Prince of Wales As An Oxford Student

**By the President of Magdalen**

The war cut short many things. Amongst them it cut short the Prince of Wales's Oxford time. He was to have returned for yet one more term, and added something further to his education, to his studies, to his sports, to his Oxford friendships and memories. It would have been very pleasant for Oxford and for his college and for himself. He would have mingled with yet a third generation of young Oxford Englishmen as happily as he had mingled with two.

But this was not to be. The prince, and this is what he would have wished, has suffered the common lot of his compeers. Like two-thirds and more of the men with whom he was up, like ever so many "second year" men of 1914, he was swept off into the service of his country, and his second year of Oxford has proved his last. It is the more fortunate that he has given these two years uninterruptedly and to the full. Those who knew him well, who remember his advent and saw him often throughout his course, will agree that few undergraduates, taking things all round, could have got more, if so much, out of two fast-fleeting years. The prince arrived, at a little over 18, well forward in the studies and training of the navy—moral, physical, and intellectual—but naturally somewhat newer to, and less directly prepared for, university life and studies than the public school boy.

"Par Inter Pares."

In a very few weeks, however, he began to find his feet and develop rapidly. From the first he took his own line, with equal modesty and firmness, determined in his own mind that he would seek and accept no tribute except on his merits, that he would take as habitual and as assiduous trouble to avoid deference or preference as others take to cultivate it, desiring, as the old Roman poet put it, "that men should give, what he wanted, but that they should be free to deny:" Quodque dari voluit, voluit sibi passe negari. His natural dignity and charm, and, it should be added, the good sense and good feeling of his college companions, and of Oxford generally, that democratic aristocracy, enabled him to go far in this resolve without mishap or untoward result. Once having started upon it, he pursued this narrow, nice line with increased confidence, until it seemed the most easy and natural and unconscious thing in the forld.

Some sacrifice had to be made. He saw very little of the seniors in the university, and was little seen by them, except by those with whom he came officially in contact. He did not want to spend any time at all, even a little, in being treated en prince. But all the more he made a wide acquaintance with a great variety of juniors. Neither his equerry, Major the Hon. William Cadogan, whose soldier's death will place Oxford in mourning, and in whom Magdalen college loses one who had become an intimate and personal friend, nor his tutor, Mr. H. P. Hansell, stood in the way of this. Indeed, they only helped him to it. His rooms were more and more open to his friends and to his friends' friends. He went in turn to scores of rooms of other men.

Games and Sports.

He played football, lawn tennis, golf, tennis, and squash rackets; he motored; he ran with the college boats, he ran a great deal with the beagles, he shot at various country houses round Oxford; he rode, for exercise, and to hounds. In this last accomplishment he started at a disadvantage; but by real perseverance and pluck soon made up for it and became quite proficient, though among one of the genuine losses involved by the loss of another winter at Oxford is the missing of yet further days with the Oxford hunts. He was withal a punctual and diligent member, in the ranks, of the O. T. C. He drilled, he marched, he went into camp like any other private.

As to his set studies, his time was short. It was not clear at the first that he would have the second year; the career for which he was to prepare was a unique one. Strict educational "economy" had to be practised. French, German and English, especially the command of literary expression in his own language, were necessary for him. History, political economy, political science, and constitutional law were desirable.

Sir William Anson's Influence.

For this last study he was singularly fortunate in having at hand one of the first living authorities, and perhaps the first living teacher, in the late Sir William Anson. Young himself in mind and body to the last, a country gentleman and sportsman, as well as a great jurist and publicist, and singularly happy in his relations with undergraduates, Sir William Anson at once put the prince at his ease, and there sprung up between them a friendship which grew and strengthened every term. Together, beginning with the British system, they went through the constitutions of the world, if not from China to Peru, yet literally from Switzerland to Japan, the prince reading and writing and taking notes, Sir William talking and expounding. His "hour with the warden" was a pleasure to which he looked forward every week, and it was indeed a singular coincidence and piece of good fortune that the removal of this friend and teacher, sad and sudden as it was, did not occur until just before the end of the prince's undergraduate time.

Lectures and Tutors.

Side by side with his, the prince attended lectures on history, on political economy, and on political science. He also had many special hours of instruction with the university teachers of French and German, Mr. Berthon, the university lecturer in French, and Professor Fiedler, the professor of German. He further went for special tuition in history to Mr. C. Grant Robertson and M. A. L. F. Smith, the college tutors in that subject, and once every week he wrote an English essay for the president. Lectures he chiefly attended in the earlier part of his career. More and more as time went on he found that he preferred the Oxford system of private and individual tuition in which the pupil writes or prepares work and his work is criticized, and he is "catechized" orally by his tutor, to the system of the larger general lectures. He found that he learned more, and more quickly, under the first method, and, indeed, that is the usual experience of Oxford students, and is the raison d'etre of the "tutorial classes which have recently been added with such remarkable effect to the old extension lectures for workingmen. It is interesting to find that prince and workingman as pupils are at one on this point. He learned, as J. K. Stephen says in his poem, first "to write and then to read," and then, it may be added, to write again, for both arts together. Like other writers, young and old, he soon found that he could write best about a subject for which he really cared, and also that when he cared for a subject he could make it more truly his own by writing about it.

It is interesting to notice how his command of all three languages proceeded together, and how he acquired a sense of literary style, as regards both arrangement and form, in both English and French, at much the same rate. His essays, which at first were conscientious reproductions and compilations, became more and more his own, both in thought and expression. In the end, though not yet 20 and only at the age when many sixth form boys are just beginning Oxford, he acquired a considerable mastery. Gifted with a good verbal memory, a freshness of view, and decided independence of character, his essays, if not exactly literary, became more and more interesting, and again and again were striking and eloquent, if only in their genuine sincerity and simple honesty.

The Prince's Qualities.

Bookish he will never be; not a "Beauclerk," still less a "British Solomon." Kings, perhaps fortunately, seldom are this last. That is not to be desired, but the Prince of Wales will not want for power of ready and forcible presentation, either in speech or writing. And all the time he was learning more and more every day of men, gauging character, watching its play, getting to know what Englishmen are like, both individually and still more in the mass.

Oxford might then have given him a little more. The cumulative influence of her studies and her life might have deepened still further, but she has given him essentially what she had to give. He leaves her, if young, already able to be, what England expects him to be, a force and a factor in national life. If the role of princes in a constitutional country is to guide rather than to dominate, to persuade rather than to compel, to influence by the attraction of character and personality, and the example of the chivalry of modern days, and of duty, steadfastly and eagerly if unostentatiously pursued, he stands on the threshold of life to-day wanting neither in natural gifts nor in such preparation in its more modern form as it has been the privilege of England's ancient and historic schools and seminaries of "true religion and useful learning" from age to age to confer upon each succeeding generation of her sons.


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FOR RENT—Cottage, Rudlin avenue. Apply 1152 Yates street. d24

FOR SALE—1913 Chalmers, 6-cylinder, 5-passenger, self starter, electric lights, perfect running order; price $1,250. T. Plimley's Garage, Johnson St., city. d24

FOR RENT—Well furnished house, vacant January 1; rent moderate. 713 Vancouver street. j17

HOUSE TO RENT—1420 Elford street, 7 rooms, electric light and gas, in first-class condition. Phone 731L. n26 tf

### FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished)

FOR RENT—Furnished cabin, all conveniences. 1036 Hillside avenue. j24

TO LET—Furnished bungalow, 713 Powderly avenue. Apply 1249 Finlayson St. d26

TO RENT—For 6 months or a year, completely furnished house with 4 bedrooms, half a block from Fort street car line, in the best residential district. N. B. Gresley, Pemberton Block.

FURNISHED SHACK. Apply 713 Vancouver street. d24

TO LET—Furnished cabin, all conveniences. 1036 Hillside avenue. d24

### FOR RENT—(Miscellaneous.)

FOR RENT—Garage, with lights, $5 per month, very central. 459 Belleville St. d28

BAKERY—In good location, bakery, moderate rent. Gillespie, Hart & Todd. j2

STORE—Suitable for any retail business, good location, moderate rent. Gillespie, Hart & Todd. j2

STEAM-HEATED LODGE ROOMS to rent in the A. O. U. W. Hall, terms moderate. Apply Box Office, Princess Theatre. j5

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

### HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

CLEAN, furnished, housekeeping, one, two and three-room flats, $5 per month up; all conveniences. 1036 Hillside Ave. j24

QUIET HOME—Bedroom, use of sitting room, kitchen and phone, suit married couple or two ladies; $10 per month. 1310 Gladstone. Phone L1733. d24

LARGE OR SMALL, furnished, housekeeping rooms. Maplehurst, 1037 Blanshard. d29

LARGE FRONT ROOM, suitable light housekeeping, suit one or two gentlemen or ladies. 907 View street. d27

### DANCING.

WALTZ AND TWO-STEP guaranteed in 4 lessons by J. L. Reese, St. John's Hall, Herald street. j24

DANCING in St. John's Hall every Saturday at 8.30 p. m. Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra. d24

PUBLIC DANCE at Connaught Hall every Saturday evening. Gentlemen 50c., ladies free.

### EXCHANGE

TYPEWRITER to exchange for a bicycle or anything I can use. Box 424, Times. d26

CLEAR TITLE LOT on Chandler avenue, near St. Charles street, value $1,200; will trade for good automobile. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas.

TO TRADE FOR CITY PROPERTY—1913, 7-passenger car, in splendid running order, good tires and tubes, cost $2,800. What have you to offer for same? Apply Box 1066, G. P. O. d24

TO EXCHANGE—30 feet on Douglas street, in good business location, for residence in Oak Bay. A. W. Bridgman, 1007 Government street. d24

FOR SALE—1912 Russell, 5-passenger, Silent Knight engine, guaranteed perfect order; price $1,100. Plimley's Garage, Johnson street. d24

WANTED—To exchange, Victoria property for stock ranch in Southern Alberta (west of fifth meridian). What offer? Box 161, Times. d31

### FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Horse and delivery wagon, in good condition. Apply B. & M. Fish Store, 651 Johnson street. d26

POMERANIAN PUPPIES. 1522 Haultain street. Phone 3319. d24

### FURNISHED ROOMS

COMFORTABLE ROOM, clean, with use of sitting room, bath, home-like, suit young lady or gentleman; $8 per month. Box 6905, Times. d28

STEWART ROOMING HOUSE, 539 Yates street, $1.75 per week up. j24

DUNSMUIR ROOMS, 730 Fort street, all modern, cosy and warm; weekly rates, $2.50 and up. j12

ARLINGTON ROOMS, 819 Fort. Bright outside rooms, hot and cold water, steam heat, renovated throughout, from $2.75 to $4 weekly. Phone 18190. d27

### HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 34 Quadra. Phone 4721R. d24

WANTED—Girl for house work. Apply 1013 Queen's avenue. d24

WANTED — Cook-general, for small family. Box 403, Times. d24

GIRL WANTED for house work. Apply 1904 Duchess street. d30

TRY BURT'S for your next fuel order and get satisfaction. j18

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER will not be complete without some of those delicious Esquimalt oysters, fresh from the beds daily. At all dealers. d24

### MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN—We have the following amounts to loan on first mortgage, $300, $500, $1,000, $1,200, $1,500, $2,100 and $2,800; must be first-class security. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. d24

### SITUATIONS WANTED—(Male.)

CHINESE YOUTH wants house work or work of any kind. Box 392, Times. d29

FOR SALE—1911 Russell, 7-passenger, good running order; price $550. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d24

### WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—A three or four-room cottage; rent must be reasonable. Box 477, Times. d26

WANTED—5 or 6 roomed, furnished house, close in; rent not over $18. Phone 1158. d26

### WANTED—LOANS.

WANTED—To borrow, $1,000 on four roomed, fully modern, new bungalow, ½ mile circle; will pay good rate of interest. Box 419, Times. d26

### WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Small cash register; must be cheap. Harrison Cash Grocery, corner Quadra and North Park. d26

WANTED—Two rooms, with bath, or small flat, furnished, with or without board, neighborhood Yates and Douglas streets, suitable for man, wife and two-year-old child; give all particulars; terms must be reasonable. Address Box 400, Times. d26

WANTED—A small range or cook stove. Box 364, Times. d28

CASH PAID for old gold teeth, nuggets, gold, gold dust, diamonds, silver, platinum, watches, and new or old broken jewelry. M. Stern, 609 Yates street, upstairs. Phone 4810. Will call any part of city. j17

### WANTED PROPERTY.

WANTED—Good building lot, in James Bay, must be east of Menzies street and near Beacon Hill park; must be at bargain price for cash. Address P. O. Box 841, city. d28

### FOR SALE—LOTS

FOR SALE—Delivery wagon, fifteen hundredweight capacity, solid tires on rear; price $750. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d24

### FOR SALE—HOUSES

THREE ROOMED BUNGALOW, ½ mile circle, sewer, light, etc., on paved street; sacrifice for $1,250; full sized lot; terms to suit. Box 421, Times. d26

BUILD YOUR HOUSE—If you own or have a lot partly paid for, save speculative profit, get war price; opportunity will never come to get such bargains again. I get money, plans and build for you. Box 113, Times. j7

A GENUINE SACRIFICE—6 roomed, brand new, modern home, near mile circle and handy to High school, going at the sacrifice price of $2,500; will take clear title city lot up to about $1,000 if good value and about $100 cash as first payment, balance to suit. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. d24

A WORKINGMAN'S OPPORTUNITY—4 roomed cottage on Langford street, Victoria West, reduced from $1,700 to $1,000; $150 cash, balance small monthly payments. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d24

ANOTHER BIG SACRIFICE in Victoria West; 3 roomed, furnished shack, on splendid lot 44x132, all in garden, chicken house, runs, etc., plenty of good firewood, etc., city water, lot alone worth $1,400; owner leaving for Europe will sacrifice for $900, $100 cash, balance $15 per month. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d24

### FOR SALE—ACREAGE

ACREAGE—Several 2 to 5-acre pieces of choice acreage for sale, Cedar Hill district, and on B. C. car line, rich soil, ideal for chickens, fine situations; low price, very easy terms. Fetherston, Mount Tolmie P. O. d31

FOR SALE—Runabout, 25 h. p., 4-cylinder, 3 speeds, good order; price $375. T. Plimley, Johnson street, city. d24

ABOUT 2½ ACRES excellent land, good 8-room house, fine barn, pig houses and chicken houses; price $4,000, $500 cash, balance very easy terms. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government street. d24

To the educated ad reader QUALITY OF GOODS is of first importance—price-concessions secondary.

# An Island Farm

**Lot 33, Galaino Island, Midway Between Victoria and Vancouver**

102 acres, with three-quarter mile frontage on Montague Harbor. Cottage, outbuildings; 118 assorted fruit trees, 5 and 6 years old; soil light, suitable for fruit and poultry. C. P. R. service three times a week; wharf, school, stores, etc., in vicinity.

**PRICE $2,500**

Terms, $1,500 cash, balance in five years with interest at 6 per cent per annum. Call and see some photographic views of the place.

MONEY TO LOAN **P. R. BROWN** INSURANCE WRITTEN

1112 BROAD STREET


## LOCAL NEWS

**Hotel Ritz,** winter rates, rooms, $2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, Xmas Day and Sunday, 50c.

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**Committed for Trial.** — George Butcher was committed for trial by Magistrate Jay this morning on a serious charge. He was brought from Medicine Hat to stand his trial here, being taken off the eastbound train.

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**Phoenix Beer,** dozen pints, 75c.

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**Overseas Mail.**—The Iroquois and Sol Duc brought in a big mail this morning which left the old country on December 8. The consignment consisted of sixty-one bags of letters and eight bags of newspapers.

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**Police Commission.**—The police investigation is over, the mayor states, for the present. The latest change affects Desk-Sergt. Allen, whose position has been lowered as a result of a protest from one of the commissioners.

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**Garden City Women's Institute.**—There was a meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Home, when members were given the opportunity to see a very interesting demonstration in poultry dressing by Mr. Upton, of the department of agriculture, who gave a practical display accompanied by many useful suggestions.

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**An Acknowledgment.**—A Christmas present, which is much appreciated, has been sent to the members of the editorial staff of the Times by the band of the Fifth regiment, C. G. A. In wishing the members of this, the oldest regimental band in the city, the compliments of the season, the staff of the Times also extends the wish that the musical organization, which has won such a high place in the regard of the public, will have many more years of success, many more opportunities of entertaining the people of Victoria with their excellent offering.

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**May Retire in January.**—The first indication of the possibility of one of the aldermen retiring came this morning when Alderman McCandless stated that he would be glad to retire from office in January, and that if an election were threatened by the intervention of other candidates, he would certainly retire from his seat. If he does so, his colleagues and the public will all be sorry to hear of the step, because he has enjoyed the esteem of the citizens in a marked degree. He states that if he retires now he will be glad to return to the council board at some future date. The association of the McCandless family with municipal government has been so long and honorable that a check would be generally regretted.

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**Primrose Lodge Entertains.**—The Primrose lodge, No. 32, Daughters and Maids of England, held their first anniversary supper and dance on Monday evening, over 250 guests sitting down to the supper, and participating in the later part of the proceedings. The catering was done by the London cafe, and during the toast list Sister A. J. Warren, president of the lodge, was presented with a handsome bouquet of white roses, the emblem of the society, Miss Ethel McKenzie making the presentation. Sister James, the secretary, was the recipient of a pair of silver cake baskets, the presentation being made on behalf of the officers and members by the president. Brother George Jay made an excellent toast-master, and the toasts to the Empire and to Fraternal Societies were responded to respectively by Rev. Chadwick and Leonard Tait. Dr. Lennox replied for the visitors, among whom were members of Princess Alexandra lodge, the Sons of England, Alexandra lodge, and Pride of the island, Ladies of the Maccabees, Ladies of the Orange association, and members of the L. O. L. Dancing, for which Miss Ridgard's orchestra supplied the music, concluded the evening's proceedings very enjoyably.


### FOR SALE—LOTS.

THE CHEAPEST LOT IN VICTORIA—Must be sold without delay; 50x173, splendid soil, near two-mile circle; cost $750; will sacrifice for $275 spot cash and give clear title. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d28

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WAR PRICES—Carbon cleaned and valves ground, four-cylinder cars, $10; six-cylinder, $14. Oxy-acetylene welding at the right price. Harry Moore, garage, corner Menzies and Superior Sts. Phone 4782. d26

DIGGON PRINTING CO. wish you a Happy Xmas and ask you to remember 2148. d24

ENJOY YOURSELVES this Christmas Eve at the Oak Bay Theatre. Fine pictures, amateur competition, and a free turkey for 10c. d24

HOLLY, berried, for sale, 30c. per lb. Phone 2928. d24

DUNHILL'S English pipes and smoking mixture, all best brands of cigars and cigarettes, and latest English papers for sale at Elliot's Cigar Stand, 622 Fort street (opposite Pemberton Building). Call and see our stock before Christmas. d28

CAST IRON, brass, steel and aluminum welded. H. Edwards, 735 Johnson St. d29

OAK BAY THEATRE—Special performances. Matinee to-morrow afternoon, show same as night. d24

DIGGON PRINTING CO., Phone 2148, send you greetings. d24

WANTED—Some window sash and doors. Box 435, Times. d31

WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 2316 Quadra. Phone 4211R. d29

FOR SALE—A Morris player-piano, nearly new; make a beautiful Christmas present; cost $1,000; will sell for $400 cash, including 85 up-to-date records. 1177 Chapman street. d24

CHILDREN'S GIFT MATINEE—Oak Bay Theatre, Saturday afternoon at 3.29; prizes, free candy for all. d24

ROOMS—With or without board, terms moderate. 926 Humboldt street. Phone 4871L. 128

TO RENT—2 roomed shack, light and water. 926 Humboldt street. d28

HAVE YOUR TYPEWRITER kept in good order. Let our expert examine it, overhaul it if necessary; attention will lengthen its life. Telephone 1734. James Green, gunsmith, 1319 Government. d24

HOLLY, berried, for sale, 30c. per lb. Phone 2928. d24

AUCTION SALE—Under the Landlord's Distress Act, I have distrained household furniture for arrears of rent, situate 838 Johnson street, two cook stoves, contents of four bedrooms, etc., chickens and rabbits. Sale 2.30 Saturday, Dec. 26. A. E. Mitchell, 801 B. C. Permanent Bldg., bailiff for landlord. d24

GET A TIN of navy cut smoking tobacco, regular 25 cents, now 15 cents. 1419 Store street, next E. & N. Depot. d28

LOST—In neighborhood of Fort street, Dec. 23, black setter puppy. Will the person or persons finding the puppy return the same to 911 Fort street. d28

BROKEN YOUR GLASSES?—Quick and perfect match of any kind of lens at lowest prices. Frank Clugston, upstairs at 654 Yates street (corner Douglas). Our own grinding plant. d24

THE BUCCANEER'S FATE—Special children's gift matinee, Oak Bay Theatre, Saturday at 3. d24


### BORN

McNAIRN—On Dec. 21, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. McNairn, of 1951 Ash street, a daughter.

## INTERCESSION SUNDAY

**Special Services Being Arranged for January 3; Meeting Held To-day.**

There was a meeting of the various clergy and ministers of the city this afternoon to arrange a service for the day of intercession, January 3. The proposal is to hold the service under municipal auspices during the afternoon of that day, in order that it may interfere as little as possible with the general engagements of the day.

The actual hour was to be set by the meeting this afternoon. It will depend upon the Sunday school services held in most of the city churches. The details were all ready for full discussion this afternoon, the object of the gathering being to have the function as representative of all denominations as possible.

The Sons of England Benefit society will hold a special church parade to St. John's church on Sunday, January 3. The Daughters and Maids of England are specially invited to attend the service.


### FINANCING MORTGAGES.

If you are paying 8% for the use of $10,000, either you or your heirs must at some time repay the $10,000, and in the last analysis of the case it really makes little difference whether you yourself, or your heirs pay the $10,000, as in the end it comes out of your estate in any case.

Now, if by making a yearly deposit of only 2% you can provide an immediate and absolute guarantee that in the event of your death the $10,000 mortgage will be paid off, is that not a wise investment? In other words, if it costs you 8% for the use of $10,000 which must be repaid, where is the man who will not say it is a good business proposition to provide for the payment of the $10,000 at a cost of only 2%. And this is what you can arrange to have done by a policy in The Mutual Life of Canada. The percentage varies according to age, 2% being the figure at age 34, and less than 3% at age 44. For information and particulars apply to R. L. Drury, Manager; or Fred. M. McGregor, and T. E. Marrimer, Special Agents; Offices, 918 Government street.


Highlanders' Reserves.—A practice shoot of the Reserve battalion, 50th Highlanders, will be held at Clover Point on Saturday, starting at 10 a. m. sharp, weather permitting.

## LAW STUDENTS HOLD INTERESTING DEBATE

### Judge Lampman Acts as Arbiter Between Half a Dozen Bright Young Men

A very interesting debate was held by the members of the Law Students' Society of Victoria before the Christmas vacation to mark the end of the term, and took place in the county court room, before Judge Lampman, who kindly judged it.

His honor occupied his usual seat, and the participants were gowned in regular court fashion. There was a very large attendance of the students and many members of the bar, who have not forgotten their own essays in this direction in student days, were there.

The case which his honor had to decide was a very complicated one, and took the form of an action in which there were five parties concerned. Stated in proper form the case was as follows:

"A" sells a piano to "B" under conditional sale agreement for $500, which agreement contains the following terms inter alia:

1. The property in the piano shall not pass to "B" until payment has been made in full.

2. "B" cannot remove the piano from Victoria without "A's" consent.

3. "B" cannot pledge nor encumber the piano without "A's" consent.

4. "A" may seize the piano if the installments are not paid on their due dates with interest.

"B" was to pay $100 down and the balance at the rate $100 every three months with interest at 7 per cent.

The conditional sale agreement was not registered.

After "B" had paid $300 on the piano he pledged the piano to "C" as security for a debt, without "A's" consent, and without advising "C" that he had not a good title to the piano. "C" then consigned the piano to himself at Nelson, as his agreement with "B" did not hinder him doing so.

When "A" heard of this he instructed the sheriff, "D," at Nelson to seize the piano, but the piano was held by the railway company, "E," for unpaid freight charges. The sheriff seized the piano as instructed. Freight charges paid into court.

"B," "C" and "E" sued "A" and "D" for the wrongful seizure of the piano, asking for the return of the piano and claiming damages for wrongful seizure. The following are the points in issue:

1. As to who had good title to the piano?

2. As to the efficacy of the conditional sale agreement?

3. Was "B" within his legal rights in pledging the piano?

4. Was the sheriff within his legal rights in seizing the piano from "E"?

The counsel engaged were: Thorlief Larsen and J. N. Kenney, for "A"; R. L. Baugh-Allen, for "D"; L. A. Hanna, for "B"; Norman W. Whittaker, for "C," and Robert F. Ely, for "E."

Having given close attention to the arguments, Judge Lampman found for Messrs. Whittaker, Ely and Hanna, giving his reason for so doing, but at the same time he complimented Messrs. Larsen, Kennedy and Baugh-Allen upon the manner in which their case had been presented. All six gentlemen were congratulated by the audience on the excellence of their work, which promises well for the continuance of the high standard of ability of the Victoria bar.

## Personal

A very pretty wedding took place at the Presbyterian parsonage, Linden avenue, last evening at 7.30, when Rev. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mrs. Pearl Frank, of Elk City, Oregon, and Frank Landon Thomson, of Victoria. The bride, who is the only daughter of Dr. E. A. Winskill, of Elk City, Oregon, looked very handsome in a pretty gown of white satin and carrying a bouquet of red carnations. The bridegroom is a well known business man of this city, being a member of the firm of Hanna & Thomson. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson will make their future home at Mount Edwards apartments.

St. Mary's Services.—The Christmas Day services at St. Mary's church, Burns street, Oak Bay, will be: Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Military Parade service, 9.30; Matins, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion, 12.

**Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.**

## GEO. H. BARNARD FOR THE SENATE?

### Victoria's Member Slated for Seat Formerly Held by Hon. W. J. Macdonald

### SIR RICHARD TO BECOME MINISTER OF THE NAVY

### Premier Would Sit for This City and Separate Portfolio Would Be Created

There are changes impending in the representation of Victoria in the federal house and in the composition of the provincial executive, according to those who are in a position to speak with authority as to what is going on in inside political circles.

These will first bring George H. Barnard, M. P. for this city since 1908, to the Red Chamber in succession to Hon. W. J. Macdonald, who was summoned to the senate on December 13, 1871, as one of the original members of that body on the entry of British Columbia into Confederation. The vacancy which Mr. Barnard is to fill was created by the illness of former Senator Macdonald, causing his absence from his place for the whole of two consecutive sessions, those of 1913 and 1914.

The plans of the party, which are understood to have been formulated some time since and brought to an issue when Sir Richard McBride was in Ottawa a few weeks ago, both on his way to and from the old country, call for the translation of the premier of this province to the federal arena. It is planned that Sir Richard shall take hold of the portfolio of naval defence.

At present the legislation creating the department of naval affairs provides for its administration by a minister of naval affairs, who has charge of this branch of the country's defences, of the radiotelegraph service and of the fisheries so far as these latter are administered by the Dominion. Under the act the minister of marine and fisheries is clothed with the duties of minister of naval affairs, so that it will be necessary to pass an amending bill at the approaching session creating the separate portfolio of minister of naval defence.

This will be but a formality, and it will be following by the calling of Sir Richard McBride to Ottawa to take it over. The premier would then change his status as a member representing the British Columbia capital from that of its chief provincial representative to that of its federal representative, with cabinet rank.

It is generally understood in Conservative circles in the city that the first portion of this plan will be carried out within a very few weeks, as parliament will meet late in January or early in February. The other part of the plan would follow just as soon as the needful legislation could be put through, but it would mean that before the year is far advanced the premier would have taken his departure for the national capital.

### PRESENTATION TO-NIGHT.

There will be a pleasant little gathering to-night at the headquarters of the Victoria Volunteer Guard, when the members of that body and of the National Reserve of Canada will present to Lieutenant C. F. G. Wheeler, of the Ulster division of the new Irish army, a pair of field glasses and an illuminated address on the eve of his departure for the front. A large attendance of the members of the bodies named and of all veterans of the empire is desired on this occasion.

## OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred on December 23 of Fred Sturgon. The deceased, who passed away at Esquimalt hotel, was 46 years of age, and had only had a short illness. The funeral arrangements are in charge of the Victoria Undertaking Company.

English papers of November 26 note the death at Beechwood, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, of Hilda Frances, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Finch Page, who are known to many residents in British Columbia, and two years ago lived at Burdett House, corner of Burdett avenue.

The death occurred yesterday morning at Work Point barracks of Walter Manton, a machinist, who had been ill in the barracks' hospital for some days. He was a native of Spalding, Lincoln, England, and 28 years of age, and came to this country 14 years ago. He was unmarried. The funeral took place this afternoon from the barracks to the military cemetery, Esquimalt.

Rev. Robert Connell officiated at the services in connection with the funeral yesterday of Oliver Stout. Many friends were present, and the casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. J. Holman, G. S. Wray, J. M. Speers and J. H. Willis.

A lady recently selecting a hat at a milliner's asked cautiously: "Is there anything about these feathers that might bring me into trouble with the Bird Protection society?" "Oh, no, madam," said the milliner. "But did they not belong to some bird" persisted the lady. "Well, madam," returned the milliner pleasantly, "these feathers are the feathers of a howl; and the howl, you know, madam, seein' as 'ow fond he is of mice, is more of a cat than a bird."

## IS SUSPECTED OF BEING GERMAN SPY

### Fulijus Struselin Taken From R. M. S. Niagara; Had Documents in German

A man who is strongly suspected of being a German spy was caught to-day on the R. M. S. Niagara and handed over to the police authorities, who kept him in custody until the military authorities were able to take him in charge.

Fulijus Struselin is the name given by the suspect, who is a big blond man of very German appearance. He talks English well.

Unnoticed by anyone, he slipped aboard the Niagara at Vancouver yesterday and stowed himself away down in a dark corner near the engineroom. For hours his hiding place was not discovered until one of the stokers, having to pass near the place, detected the man absorbed in sketching parts of the engines. He called the attention of the chief engineer to the stowaway and the officer accosted Struselin.

The man declared in pretty good English that all he wanted was work. He had not a cent of money with him and no baggage except a batch of papers, written in German in a fine pointed hand. As he could not satisfactorily account for the possession of these documents, nor for his presence on the boat at all, he was held in safe keeping until the boat reached Victoria, when the police were called.

Constable Simmons went down with the patrol to the wharf and took the man in charge as a suspect. He was taken to the station and locked up until such time as the military authorities should institute an inquiry. He kept asserting that he came from Poland and that all he needed was work to do. That was why he had got on the ship, in the hope that work would be given him when he was found.

It is more than likely, however, that his intention was to get to a neutral port, like Honolulu, and there make his escape from the vessel. If such was his intention, it was frustrated, for the Niagara sailed this afternoon without him aboard.

## WILL SUBMIT ANOTHER NAME FOR ASSESSOR

### J. G. G. Kerry Recommended for Waterworks Suit; Court of Revision in Difficulties

The city officials have received intimation from W. G. Chase, Winnipeg, one of those whose names were submitted to the supreme court for approval as assessors in the Westholme Lumber Company's suit against the city, that he will be unable to act. He recommends John G. G. Kerry, a member of his firm, Smith, Chase and Kerry, an hydraulic engineer of wide reputation. This expert's name will be submitted to the court for approval before the Sooke Waterworks suit commences. There is no doubt that Mr. Kerry will be acceptable for the important work which will fall on the assessors, Col. Tracey, of Vancouver, the other assessor will act.

Mr. Kerry was educated at Montreal high School and McGill university (B. A. S. C.). After an extensive experience in railway and harbor construction, he joined the teaching staff of the faculty of science of McGill university in 1893. He was a professor there for some years, returning to private practice in Toronto in 1907. One of his most important positions was that of a member of the royal commission on the Quebec bridge disaster. He has been a prominent member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, of which body he was a vice-president in 1909.

Announcement is made that the paving work should be finished in the city about the end of next week. Only Blackwood street and Gorge road remain to be completed now, and with fair weather there should not be any further delay.

Owing to the absence of the necessary certificate from the city clerk's department upon the papers for the court of revision, the court found preliminary objection taken by F. A. McDiarmid for owners of property on Pandora avenue when the by-law to assess the cost of the widening scheme came up this morning. The court ordered that new notices should issue in this case, as in the case of the paving of Blackwood street, the other street to which objection had been taken.

C. W. Bradshaw has also written asking for an adjournment, so the postponement suited all parties.

When the case comes to be argued on its merits, there will be a moot point of law whether the proceedings should be taken under the act of 1911 or the present one, and whether if former course is adopted, it is legal when the local improvement act has been since repealed.

The assessments on Quadra street (paving), Shasta street, (paving), Garbally road (paving) and Arm street (draining were all approved.

The revised voters' list for 1915 is expected to be in the hands of the city clerk this afternoon.

Nell—"Jack, dear, did you call on papa to-day?" Jack—"Sure I did, but he didn't appear to enthuse very much over my visit." Nell—"What did he say?" Jack—"Why, when I asked him for permission to press my suit, he simply answered, "Why don't you send it to a tailor?"


## Public Announcement

We wish to emphasize the fact that we do not sell AMERICAN COAL. We only handle the famous WELLINGTON COAL.

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## CIVIL SERVICE SHOOT

**Winners of Turkeys and Spoons in Three-Week Series.**

This week ended the series of three shoots for the Christmas turkeys offered for competition through the generosity of certain members of the civil service. Great keenness marked the shooting to the very last, as evidenced by the close scores obtained, especially in B class, where E. P. Fox won the turkey by one point. The winners are as follows:

A class—Turkey, F. T. Murray.
B class—Turkey, E. P. Fox.
C class—Turkey, D. G. Ricketts.
A class—Spoon, W. S. Taynton.
B class—Spoon, H. G. Garrett.
C class—Spoon, A. S. B. Jones.

This week's scores follow:

A Class.

| | |
|---|---|
| F. T. Murray | 70 |
| W. S. Taynton | 68 |
| A. J. Macpherson | 66 |
| C. I. Mackenzie | 66 |
| R. Nairne | 66 |
| A. Hoyle | 64 |
| A. D. Marshall | 61 |
| J. C. Lowe | 61 |
| F. A. Richardson | 61 |
| W. Pite | 61 |
| W. B. Evans | 59 |
| T. H. Bewlay | 58 |

B Class.

| | |
|---|---|
| H. G. Garrett | 68 |
| E. P. Fox | 65 |
| A. Lawie | 63 |
| H. G. Sherwood | 63 |
| C. E. Tildesley | 63 |
| G. Ford | 61 |
| W. H. Cullin | 60 |
| R. M. Hemberon | 60 |
| H. M. Wright | 60 |
| J. E. Umbach | 59 |
| H. L. Golder | 59 |
| T. Rognass | 58 |
| D. Scott | 58 |
| H. W. Eades | 58 |
| A. G. Lindsay | 58 |
| A. J. Cantwell | 57 |
| H. H. Icke | 57 |
| R. Gillon | 56 |
| O. Barton | 52 |
| H. H. Howell | 51 |
| G. Hood | 50 |
| W. S. Beckwith | 41 |

C Class.

| | |
|---|---|
| D. G. Rickett | 64 |
| A. S. Jones | 61 |
| A. D. Anderson | 58 |
| W. A. Mulcahy | 57 |
| A. L. Fraser | 53 |
| J. D. Fraser | 51 |
| G. A. Ball | 48 |
| H. W. Curtiss | 41 |
| N. P. Blandy | 42 |

The scores in the turkey shoot were as follow, for the three weeks:

A Class.

| | 1. | 2. | 3. | Ag. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| F. T. Murray | 67 | 67 | 70 | 204 |
| A. J. Macpherson | 63 | 65 | 66 | 194 |
| C. I. Mackenzie | 67 | 60 | 66 | 193 |
| W. S. Taynton | 69 | 63 | 69 | 192 |
| A. Hoyle | 66 | 60 | 64 | 190 |
| W. Pite | 67 | 62 | 61 | 190 |
| R. Nairne | 67 | 56 | 66 | 189 |
| F. A. Richardson | 65 | 59 | 61 | 185 |
| J. C. Lowe | 68 | 51 | 61 | 187 |
| W. B. Evans | 52 | 58 | 59 | 169 |
| T. H. Bewlay | 62 | 65 | 58 | 127 |
| A. D. Marshall | 57 | .. | 61 | 118 |

B Class.

| | 1. | 2. | 3. | Ag. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E. P. Fox | 64 | 63 | 65 | 192 |
| H. G. Sherwood | 59 | 69 | 63 | 191 |
| H. G. Garrett | 61 | 59 | 68 | 188 |
| O. Barton | 62 | 67 | 56 | 185 |
| A. G. Lindsay | 59 | 63 | 58 | 180 |
| H. A. Icke | 62 | 61 | 57 | 180 |
| A. Lawrie | 62 | 52 | 63 | 177 |
| W. H. Cullin | 61 | 56 | 60 | 177 |
| H. M. Wright | 60 | 57 | 60 | 177 |
| D. Scott | 62 | 57 | 58 | 177 |
| R. M. Hemberon | 55 | 61 | 60 | 176 |
| H. W. Eades | 61 | 57 | 58 | 176 |
| R. Gillow | 58 | 58 | 56 | 172 |
| H. A. Howell | 60 | 61 | 51 | 172 |
| C. E. Tildesley | 48 | 60 | 63 | 171 |
| J. E. Umbach | 54 | 56 | 59 | 169 |
| T. Rognass | 56 | 55 | 58 | 169 |
| A. J. Cantwell | 55 | 54 | 57 | 166 |
| W. S. Beckwith | 56 | 51 | 41 | 148 |
| H. L. Golder | 54 | .. | 59 | 113 |
| G. Hood | 56 | .. | 50 | 106 |

C Class.

| | 1. | 2. | 3. | Ag. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| D. G. Ricketts | 57 | 61 | 64 | 182 |
| A. S. Jones | 55 | 59 | 61 | 175 |
| A. D. Anderson | 52 | 60 | 58 | 170 |
| W. A. Mulcahy | 52 | 56 | 57 | 165 |
| G. A. Ball | 53 | 54 | 48 | 155 |
| A. L. Fraser | 44 | 57 | 53 | 154 |
| J. D. Fraser | 40 | 56 | 51 | 147 |
| H. W. Curtis | 50 | 45 | 47 | 142 |
| N. P. Blandy | 44 | 50 | 42 | 136 |

## PROPRIETORS TO MEET

**Winter Travel Will Be Discussed at Gathering of Hotel Men on Wednesday Next.**

The first result of the return of Commissioner Cuthbert from his eastern trip is the summoning of the hotel proprietors of Victoria to a meeting on Wednesday afternoon next. He wishes to take up with them the question of the winter travel, particularly that from the Canadian west, a subject to which he gave special attention during his recent trip.

It is expected that the next meeting of the executive of the Victoria and Island Development association will be held on Tuesday afternoon. The aldermen will be invited to attend and the commissioner will tell of the results of his tour.

A poster has reached the offices. It is one of those which will be displayed in every Canadian Pacific railway ticket office west of Port Arthur. It draws attention to the special excursions to Victoria, the Evergreen City of Canada, and deals with the temperature here and to the special winter rates at hotels and apartment houses. Tickets are on sale on the Canadian Pacific railway at all points west of Port Arthur, at approximately a single fare for the round trip to Victoria on January 15, 16, 17 and 18, and on February 9, 10 and 11, good until April 30 and for stop-overs at all points.

## ROTARY CLUB VISITED BY FATHER CHRISTMAS

### For All Members There Was a Gift From the Tree and to Each a Merry Wish

One of the most successful luncheons of the Rotary club was held this afternoon, and it partook of the nature of a Christmas celebration. There was a Christmas tree spread out before a blazing fire, and down the chimney came Father Christmas with his pack. Truth to tell, the contents of the pack, in the unbelieving manner of a modern world, had preceded him and were closely packed about the tree, but no one could resist the friendly aspect, and the cheery words of Gilbert G. Fraser, who was behind the excellent make-up.

There were gifts for everybody, but attached, to them was the obligation to guess the origin of the gift. James Hunter and Capt. Goodlake, secretary of the club, assisted Father Christmas in the distribution of the presents. There were many funny incidents during the distribution, connected with the mistakes that were made as to who had made the gift and the congruity or incongruity of what was hidden in the wrappings.

It speaks well for the spirit of fellowship that animates the club that in the vast majority of cases the recipients were able to say who the donors were. In the few cases where this had not been guesses at the proper moment the unsuccessful ones were able to secure their gifts after the adjournment without the necessity of stating who had given them.

Frank Higgins, president of the club, was in the chair, and he extended to the members a most cordial greeting for a merry Christmas. He was seconded in this by all the other officers.

"Father," said the student, "I want to talk to you about changing my course of study." "Talk to your mother, son," directed the father, who was reading the sporting page. "Mother," said the son, "I made a mistake when I selected chemistry. But it is not too late to change even yet. I want to take astronomy instead." The mother searched the eyes of her son sharply. Then she said: "No. You'll have to think up some better excuse for staying out at night!"


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# Financial News

## INTEREST FOCUSSED IN SNOWSTORM MINE

### Portland Up, and Coronation Down; Feeling Showed Improvement

Exceptional strength gathered in Snowstorm this morning. This issue has shown bull inclinations for a series of sessions, the attitude of buyers showing concerted interest.

In Portland Canal the bid price gained one-eighth and the offer was lowered to the same extent, manifesting an improved condition in the shares and more outside participation.

One Union Club debenture changed hands at twenty dollars, which is on a basis to yield 12 per cent. At that price there was good support.

Coronation Gold was rendered softer by reason of a surplus of offerings, but the bid price level at 8c was staunch.

| | Bid. | Asked |
|---|---|---|
| Blackbird Syndicate | .. | $5.00 |
| B. C. Refining Co. | 80 | 85 |
| B. C. Copper Co. | 75 | 1.50 |
| C. N. P. Fisheries | .. | .30 |
| Coronation Gold | .03 | .08 |
| Lucky Jim Zinc | .02 | .03½ |
| McKinlayray Coal | 18 | 22 |
| Nugget Gold | .. | .23 |
| Portland Canal | .01½ | .01¾ |
| Rambler Cariboo | .. | .20 |
| Red Cliff | .. | .09 |
| Standard Lead | 1.00 | 1.40 |
| Snowstorm | .18 | .24 |
| Stewart M. & D. | .. | .70 |
| Slocan Star | .. | .35 |
| S. S. Island Creamery | 6.00 | .. |
| Stewart Land | .. | 7.50 |
| **Unlisted** | | |
| Glacier Creek | .02 | .05 |
| Island Investment | .. | 22.00 |
| Union Club (deb.) | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| Western Can. F. Mills | .. | 120.00 |
| Portland Tunnels | .01 | .06 |
| Athabasca | .20 | .60 |
| **Sales.** | | |
| 1 Union Club deb. ($50) | | $20.00 |

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## EXPORT BUSINESS IN WHEAT IS BUSTLING

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 24—Bearishness noted in wheat yesterday on a break of 1¼ from high point was not in evidence after the first few minutes this morning. Early selling pressure caused decline close to 126¼ December and May close to 128¾. Export houses took the offerings. Talk about large export sales followed. There was business of 500,000 bushels by two concerns to Baltimore that the trade knew about and thirty boatloads at the Gulf. It was estimated that three export houses took off hedges on a million bushels of wheat up to mid-day, and it was on this sort of buying, together with trade export clearances of 1,667,000 over 3,000,000 for two days, which gave the market its strongest upturn to 126¼ for the early month, and 129⅞ for May.

| Wheat— | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| July | 119¾ | 120⅝ | 119¾ | 119⅞ |
| Dec. | 125⅞ | 126¼ | 125¼ | 126 |
| May | 128¾ | 129⅞ | 128¾ | 129 |
| Corn— | | | | |
| July | 72½ | 72¾ | 72¼ | 72¼ |
| Dec. | 65¼ | 66¼ | 65¼ | 66¼ |
| May | 72 | 72¾ | 71¾ | 72¾ |
| Oats— | | | | |
| Dec. | 49 | 49¼ | 49 | 49¼ |
| May | 53¼ | 53¾ | 53 | 53¼ |
| Pork— | | | | |
| Jan. | 18.25 | 18.25 | 18.25 | 18.25 |
| May | 18.80 | 19.00 | 18.82 | 18.95 |
| Lard— | | | | |
| Jan. | 10.30 | 10.32 | 10.30 | 10.32 |
| May | 10.50 | 10.55 | 10.50 | 10.55 |
| Short Ribs— | | | | |
| Jan. | 10.15 | 10.17 | 10.10 | 10.12 |
| May | 10.42 | 10.50 | 10.42 | 10.47 |

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### METAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 24—Lead quiet, $3.75@$3.85. Copper dull; electrolytic, $13@$13.25; casting, $13@$13.20.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC AT MINIMUM EXTREME

### Possible Effects of Lusitania's Large Stock Shipments Depressed Feeling Again

New York, Dec. 24—The professional element were quite bearish in their views for the session and a forcing down of quoted values was again in evidence.

As yesterday, action in the market was influenced by circulated estimates as to the amount of stock which the Lusitania is bringing from Europe. This is said to aggregate $25,000,000, and the selling by houses with foreign connections lent color to the belief that Europe is again arrayed on the selling side of the stock market.

Steel stuck at its minimum price of 48, and Canadian Pacific went down to 153, which is a new low record for the issue as officially recorded.

| | High. | Low. | Bid. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Gold | 24¼ | 23½ | 24 |
| Amal. Copper | 50¾ | 48¾ | 49¼ |
| Amn. Beet Sugar | 31¾ | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| Amn. Can. | 23½ | 22¾ | 23¼ |
| Amn. Tel. Securities | 204 | 204 | 204 |
| Amn. Smelting | 54¾ | 53¼ | 54 |
| Anaconda | 24¾ | 24½ | 24¾ |
| Atchison | 90 | 89¾ | 89¾ |
| B. & O. | 67¾ | 67¼ | 67¼ |
| C. P. R. | 154¼ | 153 | 153¼ |
| Central Leather | 36¾ | 36 | 36¼ |
| C. & O. | 40¾ | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| C., M. & St. P. | 85¼ | 85 | 85¼ |
| Erie | 21¼ | 20¾ | 21 |
| Gen. Motors | 77 | 76¼ | 76½ |
| G. N. pref. | 112½ | 112¼ | 112½ |
| G. N. Ore ctfs. | 24¼ | 24 | 24¼ |
| Inter-Metro. | 12¼ | 12 | 12½ |
| Lehigh Valley, x-div. 2½ p.c. | 129 | 126 | 127¼ |
| Mex. Petro. | 53¾ | 53¼ | 53¼ |
| M., St. P. & S. S. M. | 102 | 102 | 102 |
| Mo. Pacific | 9¾ | 9¼ | 9¼ |
| Nat. Lead | 43¾ | 42¾ | 43 |
| N. Y. C. | 82 | 81¼ | 81¼ |
| N. P. | 98¼ | 96¾ | 96¾ |
| Pennsylvania | 104¼ | 102¾ | 103¾ |
| Pressed Steel Car | 34¾ | 33¾ | 33¾ |
| Reading | 142¼ | 139¾ | 140⅝ |
| U. S. Steel | 48¼ | 48 | 48 |
| Do., pref. | 162¼ | 163 | 162¼ |

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## WHEAT PRICE MOVED UP ON GOOD EXPORT TRADE

Winnipeg, Dec. 24—Wheat prices opened at ¼c lower to ¼c lower. Oats were unchanged to ⅛c higher, and flax was ½c higher for May. In the early hours the market was weak, caused by heavy profit-taking on Chicago market, which influenced prices here. A good export trade sprang up later and improved prices. Flax made substantial advances, options gaining 7¼ to 3¼. The cash demand for all grades of wheat is fair, and offerings, which are few, are easily disposed of.

There is a good inquiry for barley, but only an odd car is being offered. No. 3 C. W. oats are wanted and flax is in fair inquiry. The total inspections on December 22 were 188 cars as against 480 last year, and in sight on Thursday were 110 cars. The weather has been fine and very cold, with fair and very cold weather forecasted for Friday.

Winnipeg wheat futures closed ¼ lower to ¼ higher, with July unchanged. Cash closed ¼ lower on all contract grades. Oats closed ⅜ to ½ higher. Flax closed 2¼ to 3¼ higher.

| | Open. | Close. |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | |
| Dec. | 121½ | 121¾ |
| May | 126¾ | 127 |
| July | 128¾ | 128¾ |
| Oats— | | |
| Dec. | 54½ | 55 |
| May | 57¼ | 57¾ |
| Barley— | | |
| Dec. | .. | 64½ |
| Flax— | | |
| Dec. | 139 | 138¾ |
| May | 142 | 143¼ |

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 121¼; 2 Nor., 118¼; 3 Nor., 113¼; No. 4, 109¼; No. 5, 104¼. Oats—2 C. W., 54¼; 3 C. W., 51¼; extra 1 feed, 51¼; 1 feed, 49¼; 2 feed, 49¼. Barley—No. 3, 64¼; No. 4, 61; rejected, 57; feed, 57. Flax—1 N. W. C., 138¼; 2 C. W., 134¼.


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## GREAT NEWS IS SOON EXPECTED FROM FRONT

### British Chaplain Calls Germans Blustering Cowards; He Expects Reaction

London, Dec. 24.—A British officer returning yesterday from the front thus summed up the position:

"I cannot give details, but I can say this: We are on the eve of driving the Germans out of northern France and Belgium. Our positions have never been better since the beginning of the war. Great news, good news, may be expected soon."

This is confirmed by every item of information coming from the front. There are many signs, however, that the Germans are preparing a strong counter move, possibly in the Alsace region, where they are pouring in fresh men and making hospitals ready to deal with large numbers of wounded.

"I do not think the war will be long," says a British chaplain from a German city, who recently returned after 23 years there. "Your German is ready for any amount of bluster when he is winning, but at heart he is a coward and when he finds things are going against him will beg for mercy. Prussia is almost as much hated as we are by the other German states. When it becomes known that Prussian militarism has failed there will be a great reaction."

Private O'Sullivan of the Fifth Dragoon Guards tells in the Times how the Germans treat their prisoners. He was captured on the morning of November 25 with seven others east of Ypres. Snow was thick on the ground and the wind bitterly cold. The Germans stripped the prisoners of clothes with the exception of one thin shirt, marched them out into the open field under sentries and kept them there for fifteen hours, barefooted and practically naked. Five escaped that night. O'Sullivan is now in the hospital at Broadstairs with both feet frost-bitten as a result of his exposure.

Official returns show that trade is still improving. The percentage of unemployment in registered trades is 3.28 now, against 4.32 a year ago. The London Christmas spirit has risen greatly during the past two days, with finer weather. Some shops are practically sold out, for the demand has been exceedingly brisk. So many gifts have been forwarded to the troops at the front that they are almost overwhelmed and attempts are being made now to induce the public to turn their kindly activities, temporarily, elsewhere. Our Christmas will be quite home-staying, the old-fashioned scenes of boisterous revel which formed a prominent feature in recent years being conspicuously absent. One real source of regret is that the general situation will not permit a majority of the newly-raised troops to return to their homes for leave. They are being kept ready in camp.

Many soldiers who have received a short Christmas leave from Flanders are now arriving here. Apparently the east coast raid has not given recruiting the stimulus at first hoped for. It is difficult to obtain figures, owing to official secrecy, but reports from different parts show disappointing results from recruiting meetings. The British Weekly makes the surprising statement that at one of the recruiting meetings in a northern parish, young farmers and farm servants actually climbed under the seats in order to evade the challenge of the colonel. "It is still affirmed by the war office, and the statements are endorsed by Mr. Bonar Law, that the response to the appeal for recruits is inadequate and unsatisfactory. The war office is in a position to judge, but it should be remembered that, as yet, the first million of Kitchener's army is not yet complete, while the second million has not begun to be recruited."

## GERMAN STATEMENT SENT BY WIRELESS

Berlin, Dec. 24.—By Wireless to London.)—The official statement issued by the general staff of the German army says: "The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixschoote we took 230 prisoners on December 22.

"The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

"A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter attack because parts of the trenches had been almost levelled by the enemy's fire. More than one hundred prisoners were left in our hands.

"In the east we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Niedenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia.) We have repulsed the Russians after several days fighting at Mlawa (Northern Poland) and the enemy's positions at Mlawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

"At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawka rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river, in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies, with heavy losses.

"Farther to the south, the situation generally is unchanged."

### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | ... | ... | ... | 7.51-53 |
| March | 7.65 | 7.70 | 7.65 | 7.69-70 |
| May | 7.82 | 7.89 | 7.80 | 7.87-88 |
| July | 8.00 | 8.09 | 7.98 | 8.06-08 |
| Oct. | 8.26 | 8.31 | 8.23 | 8.29-30 |
| Dec. | 7.25 | 7.30 | 7.25 | 7.32-34 |

## BOUNTEOUS CHRISTMAS FOR TROOPS AT FRONT

### Banquets to Belgians Postponed Because Refugees Are Being Overfed

Paris, Dec. 24.—Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self-denial of well-nigh every family in France can make it. The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another but to unite and give all to the son, father, or brother serving with the flag.

Many a family in France will dine meagerly to-night and to-morrow because of the packages of soft woollen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to the kinsmen at the front. Then there are field glasses, wrist watches, sleeping bags and an amazing variety of campaign conveniences.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transports so that all this month numerous vans loaded with holiday packages were among the supply trains back of the army.

Many a lone soldier without family has received various packages of things to eat, wear, smoke or drink from societies and from the government. The ministry of war, among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front.

All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French government to send to the British soldiers. The Belgian refugees, especially the children, are being so overfed that the committees in charge of them have postponed by agreement various dinners and entertainments so as to extend them over the next ten days.

King Albert of Belgium has sent a box of 25 cigars to each of the Belgian soldiers. All the hospitals have arranged concerts, recitations and stereopticon shows to convalescing soldiers.

The American hospital is bright with holly and mistletoe. Madame Poincare, wife of the president of France, has sent 3,000 packages of toys, candies and clothing to 3,000 Alsace-Lorraine children who live in the territories reconquered by France.

The French government is delivering great quantities of packages from Germany to prisoners of war. For the most part they are useful things, like blankets, underwear and woollen socks. Similar deliveries, it is understood, will be made by the German authorities to French prisoners.

While the men in the trenches will have to maintain the same strained alertness that they observe every day and while there doubtless will be fierce fighting at certain points on the front, yet from 1,500 to 2,000 yards back of the infantry firing-line arrangements have been made for plenty of jollity, which will include a chicken dinner and champagne to drink with it.

New Years Day is a greater holiday in France than is Christmas and if the military situation permits it, General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, will give orders that the soldiers serving in the trenches to-morrow will not have to be there on the first day of the new year.

Where the French and German trenches are close together there may be brief unofficial truces by common agreement for short periods of time. These understandings have not been unknown on other days, and they may be more frequent on Christmas day.

It is likely that at Midnight open air masses will be celebrated at many places back of the lines upon rough altars.

In Paris the gay night supper parties will not be seen; instead the people will be in churches at midnight mass. The churches never before have been so full within the memory of the city. Nowadays at every service, early or late, the sacred edifices are crowded.

## MRS. DAVID RESISTS SUIT BY HUSBAND FOR DIVORCE

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Lester W. David, lumberman, who failed recently with liabilities of $1,500,000, started suit for divorce yesterday against Mrs. Allie N. David, who is now in Los Angeles.

Incompatibility of temperament making it absolutely impossible for them to live together, and desertion, are the grounds on which separation is made. Mrs. David, in her answer, which also was filed yesterday, declares no such incompatability exists, and asks for the dismissal of the proceedings.

Mr. David says in his complaint that they were married at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1888.

### WHY NOT A BANTAM ARMY?

The British Medical Journal discusses the value of little men in war. After stating its belief that 30,000 recruits have been lost in the last few weeks owing to the present height standard, the journal goes on to say: "Not a little is to be said in favor of short infantry. Short men occupy less room in transport, they find cover more easily, and offer a smaller mark to bullets and shrapnel. They are better sheltered in trenches and require to dig less deep trenches to protect themselves. It takes less khaki to clothe them and less leather to boot them. The army blanket covers them more amply and they need less food than tall, thin men to keep up their body heat and maintain their marching energy. Those who stand the rigors of cold climates are not always big men. As to those who burrow in the trenches, how can it matter whether they are 4-ft. 9 in. or 5 ft 6 in? We are not out for a show and a parade, but to win a war of sieges and attrition."

Home work is an important factor in the life of the Swiss, of whom 150,000 are dependent on it, 75,000 being engaged in textile operations and 12,000 in watchmaking.


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### MEINSELF UND GOTT.

Some dings I do not understand,
Vy I can't der whole verid command;
I'm afraid ve lose dot Faderland,
Meinself—und Gott.

"Die Wacht Am Rhein," some people sing,
Und eders "Gott Save the King,"
Ve do not like to hear dot ting,
Meinself—und Gott.

Dose Frenchmen cause surbrise und pain,
Sey vant dot Alsace und Lorraine,
I fear dey make dem back again,
From Me—und Gott.

Mine cousin Albert vould not choose,
To let me cress dot Valley Meuse,
I don't see how he could refuse
Meinself—und Gott.

Dose English hit dose Boers unite
Und "Undians," too, like hell dey fight;
I dink dot it vill be "good night"
Mit Me—und Gott.

Mine ships dey have all bottled up,
It's vot you call, I dinks, a scoop;
Dey may take all dot naval troop,
From Me—und Gott.

Mein cousin Joseph helps me none;
Dose Russians have him on the run,
I tell you vot, dot iss no fun
For Me—und Gott.

As Italy I am surbrise,
Dot dey could tell such tam big lies;
I dinks dey dink dey are as vise,
As Me—und Gott.

Dose Russians vant mein dear Berlin,
It looks right now as dey vould win,
Und if they do, I dinks dey'll skin
Meinself—und Gott.

Dose Japs are after Tsing-Tau,
Ve do not vant to let id go,
Dot vill be quite a heavy blow,
To Me—und Gott.

Before it ends, I vear by Tam,
I'll have to ask dot "Uncle Sam"
To straighten oud dis big programme,
For Me—und Gott.

### FAMOUS NOVELIST'S VIEW.

With a great deal of interest the French are following the numerous and varied ways in which the Germans betray their hatred for the British. A few days ago great prominence was given to the denunciations of Prof. Werner Sombart, which have been responsible for the following interesting letter from M. Henri Sassone, to the editor of the Temps:—

"Will you allow me to call the attention of your readers, who, with myself, have just learned Herr Werner Sombart's opinion of the English people, to the judgment of another German famous in the world of letters. I refer to Gustav Frenssen, whom the Germans themselves regard as their greatest living novelist, and whose 'Jorn Uhl,' for instance, has passed its 200th edition. This is what Gustav Frenssen writes in one of his latest works, 'Peter Moor,' page 14. (Peter Moor is a character in the novel, a naval lieutenant who is speaking to some young recruits in sight of the English coast):—

Honorable British.

"We seamen have of the English a very different opinion from that held by our landsmen. We meet them in all the ports of the world and we know that they are the most honorable of all men. Behind those high chalk cliffs yonder lives the foremost people of the earth, distinguished, prudent, brave, united, and rich. But what of us? We have at all times possessed one of their qualities, one alone—bravery. We are slowly acquiring another—wealth. Shall we ever attain the rest? That is for us a question of life or death."

It is pointed out by M. Massenc that Gustav Frenssen was not among the "intellectuals" who signed the recent manifesto.

## KING ALBERT, HERO

### His Day's Work and His Rare Devotion to Duty.

A hero, a worker, "a white man every time" is King Albert of the Belgians, who is the real, active, directing commander-in-chief of his army. His staff officer is quite near to the front, and he is at his "office" early in the morning, sometimes as early as 8 o'clock, rarely later than 9. At midday a little inn near by sends to him luncheon. It is very simple; sometimes it is lacking even in what a middle-class citizen of London would regard as the ordinary comforts of the table. Of course, the king could get anything that he wanted if he chose to employ the military transport to bring it up from a port on the coast. He is so vitally absorbed in his work, however, as to be indifferent to his own comfort. So long as he can get a cigar after lupcheon he is satisfied, and even that has been sometimes lacking.

Constantly Visits the Trenches.

In the afternoon the king's labors continue. He has visits to receive and to make. He constantly visits the trenches. Of late he has wisely decided that the Belgian army would be encouraged in its task if it saw a little of the ceremony and panoply of war. So reviews are fairly frequent. When there is a chance for a regiment, passing from one part of the front to the other, to march past the king with music at its head the chance is taken.

Sometimes it is 9 in the evening before the king leaves his staff office, but more usually 6 or 7. Probably going to his temporary palace—which German airmen are always seeking out with their bombs, but which happily they have not yet found—he continues then to carry on the work of state. But his day's labor in the public eye stretches to an average of eight or nine hours.

Bombardments Did Not Disturb Him.

As is well known, it was his devotion to duty and personal courage rallied the Belgian army within the last few miles left of their country, and inspired them to turn and push back the invader. His resolution during the painful retreat from Antwerp, his determination to resist the advice given him to take refuge in France have had perhaps more than any other single influence the greatest efficacy in making the Belgian army what it is to-day—a band of soldiers worthy of comparison with the Old Guard. The Belgian army can be seen reacting to his influence. One recent day the Germans engaged, in the spiteful bombardment of ——. The king had business that day in the town with his staff. He did not permit the bombardment to disturb him. Word of this passed through the ranks. The next day two Belgian regiments with two French regiments, with a bayonet charge that could not be denied, won the key to the battle of the Yser; and the Belgians had been continuously in the trenches for sixteen days.

"We like to do something for the king," said one soldier simply when he was congratulated on his share in the battle, he having kept on with the bayonet to the end in spite of a flesh wound from a rifle ball.

A process of "electro-curing" timber is stated to give perfect seasoning in a single night. With lead-plate electrodes on each side, the timber is placed in a solution containing ten per cent. of borax, five per cent. of resin, and a little soda; application of the current expels the sap and fills the wood cells with the borax and resin.

### SIR RICHARD'S FUTURE.

The Montreal Witness.

The story goes in Conservative papers that Sir Richard McBride, the dictator of British Columbia, is to enter the national ministry as minister of naval defence, a new portfolio, with a view to the reversion of the premiership when Sir Robert Borden shall go to London as high commissioner, a position he would grace. There can be no question but that, with the possible exception of Sir Rodmond Roblin, and of the impossible Major-General Hughes, who has just, with a war-lord looseness of tongue, made bitter enemies of the patriots at Toronto, Sir Richard is the most forceful leader, and without exception the most practical politician in the Conservative army, if not in the whole country; for what is called practical politics does not find itself at home in the Liberal party. In favor of this forecast there is more than one omen. It is notorious that Sir Richard has exploited and forestalled all the great resources of his province to such an extent that it is now for the time being a sucked orange, which affords small promise for a continuance of such exhaustive methods. As long as every constituency could be bribed by some great public work and politically handled by one or more favored corporations all went well. But the province itself, as well as its politics, has got so largely into the hands of speculative companies and absentee owners, looking to make rich by a development which they are doing nothing to further, that the resentment of the actual inhabitants is becoming a thing to be counted with. It might be a good move, therefore, on the part of Sir Richard McBride to leave to others the task of pulling the province through its time of recuperation. Indeed, one can foresee distress in the foreground of that process, such good land as there is in the province having risen to prices which would be counted fabulous here in the province of Quebec.

Another circumstance that lends countenance to the suggested programme is the necessity for going back on the unpatriotic but successful policy of denouncing and ridiculing our coastwise defences, an attitude to which Sir Robert Borden was too much committed. Nothing has been more strongly emphasized by this war than the fact that Canada should have had a naval force on the Pacific. The need of it was, at the time that policy was adopted, strongly expressed by such conservative imperialists as Lord Charles Beresford and Lord Milner, and time has shown that, had it been followed up, Canada might have saved the empire some disasters. The ships we got, as being immediately obtainable, were such as would have admirably served their purpose of shore defence, and would have been training ships for more rapid craft, as there was, of course, no intention of stopping with these. If Australia could find men for her fleet surely we could. Sir Richard McBride, representing the Pacific province, in so far as he gave in to the policy of deriding and neglecting the home fleet, was at issue with the sentiment of his own adherents, and he would be relieved of a very dubious position if he could now become the champion of a Pacific fleet. In view, therefore, of the fact that Sir Robert Borden's tasks have at times proved too much for him, we find the forecast of Sir Richard McBride's advent to the helm not incredible. But masterful and practical as Sir Richard is, we cannot say that it would make the party stronger in the country.

### A PRINCE IN DISGRACE.

The Allegemeine Handelsblad states that a rumor is current in Berlin that a prince of the imperial family whose name is not mentioned, has been ordered by the kaiser not to wear the Iron Cross because of the ignorance shown by him in commanding his troops in France.

The story even adds that the kaiser summoned the prince to his headquarters and in the presence of his staff tore the cross from the prince's uniform.

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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

**Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.**

Victoria, Dec. 24.—5 a. m.—The barometer remains high over the Pacific slope, and fair weather is general with moderate winds along the coast. Sharp frosts have again occurred in the states of Oregon and Washington, also in the Sacramento valley. Intense cold prevails in Manitoba and parts of Saskatchewan.

**Forecasts.**

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

**Reports.**

Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 36; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 18; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 24 miles E.; weather, fair.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, calm; rain, .22; weather, clear.

**Temperature.**

| | Max. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 30 | 14 |
| Edmonton | 0 | −2 |
| Prince Albert | −22 | −38 |
| Winnipeg | −12 | −28 |
| Toronto | 17 | .. |
| Ottawa | 6 | .. |
| Montreal | 4 | .. |
| St. John | 6 | .. |
| Halifax | 16 | .. |

**Victoria Daily Weather.**

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday:

**Temperature.**

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|---|---|
| Highest | 43.3 |
| Lowest | 36.9 |
| Average | 40.1 |
| Temperature on grass | 33.8 |

Bright sunshine, 2 hours 6 minutes.
General state of weather, fair.

### WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.

From 16th to 22nd December, 1914.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 33 hours and 42 minutes; rain, .02 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 22nd; lowest, 30.7 on 16th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 24 hours and 48 minutes; snow, .25 inch; highest temperature, 39 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 16th and 17th.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 18 hours; rain, .09 inch; highest temperature, 40 on 22nd; lowest, 23 on 18th.

New Westminster—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 44 on 19th; lowest, 18 on 17th.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 7 hours and 54 minutes; snow, .40 inch; highest temperature, 22 on 19th and 22nd; lowest, 6 on 17th, 20th and 22nd.

Penticton—Snow, .30 inch; highest temperature, 30 on 19th and 20th; lowest, 10 on 19th and 20th.

Nelson—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 32 on 19th; lowest, 3 on 20th.

Barkerville—Snow, 10.00 inches; highest temperature, 28 on 22nd; lowest, 6 below on 16th.

Prince Rupert—Rain, 3.64 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 21st; lowest, 28 on 20th.

Some time ago a fond father attended the graduation of his pretty daughter from a fashionable seminary, and at the close of the exercises the head of the institution rushed up to papa with hands enthusiastically outstretched. "I want to congratulate you, Mr. Smith," said he with great volubility, "on your very large and extraordinarily affectionate family!" "Large and affectionate family!" wonderingly repeated Mr. Smith. "Yes," was the happy rejoinder of the principal. "During the last term all of Miss Smith's ten brothers have called for her to go motoring no end of times, while John, your eldest son, has taken her to the theatre twice a week."

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## NAME PRINCIPAL OF GEORGE JAY SCHOOL

### H. Charlesworth Transferred From Oaklands; Vacancy at High School Filled

Principal Harry Charlesworth, of Oaklands school, was selected by the school board yesterday as principal of the George Jay school in succession to Principal H. B. MacLean, promoted to be head of the model school of the Normal school, which opens in January.

Mr. Charlesworth has been principal of the Oaklands school since it was opened.

In succession to H. P. Hope, a Latin master at the High school, promoted to a provincial inspectorship, the municipal inspector recommended John Marr,

H. CHARLESWORTH.

B. A., a graduate of Aberdeen university, at present principal of the Chilliwack High school, and formerly of Penticton High school. The board approved the recommendation.

As the board came to a deadlock on the appointment of a principal to the Oaklands school, the inspector was instructed to make a temporary appointment, in order that the school may open on January 4.

The board formally accepted the resignations of Trustees Dr. Hall and J. E. Andrews as from December 31, appointed W. W. Northcott as returning officer and fixed January 14, the same day as the municipal election, as the date of the poll to fill the two vacancies on the board for a single year term.

## ADOPT SCHEME

### School Board Will Take Over Work of Handicraft School Next Term.

The school board yesterday adopted the proposal that it take over the Handicraft school operated by the Island Arts and Crafts club and make it part of the art course carried on in connection with the continuation classes.

Major Riddell expressed the opinion that the advisory committee of six was rather a large one.

Mrs. Jenkins moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion that the proposal be accepted and that the new work be started on January 4, the date of the opening of the new term.

Inspector Paul expressed the approval of the superintendent of education, whom he had seen on the matter yesterday.

The resolution was then approved.

Details of the classes to be established will be considered by the board and the members of the advisory committee already named, J. J. Shallcross, chairman; Miss Crease, Miss Mills, Dr. Hasell and Messrs. Irving and T. Bamford.

"Ernest," she gasped, choking back her tears, "father has lost all." "Eh?" "Father has lost all," she reiterated sobbing. "Not all?" he exclaimed. "Yes, all." "Never!" she said, bravely, pulling himself together. "You, Miranda, still are left to him. I could not be so cruel as to take the last of his wealth." "Ernest!" "No!" Firmly he held her off. "Tell him; Miranda, tell him from me that his generosity towards me demands that I leave him what little lies in my power!"—Weekly Telegraph.


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## SELECT JOHN JONES AS THE CANDIDATE

### Ward II. Saanich Ratepayers' Association Meets; Unemployment Registry

"The whole trouble is that Saanich does not owe enough to borrow easily," said John Jones, the newly-endorsed council candidate for Ward II., Saanich, in addressing the Ward Ratepayers' association meeting last evening at St. Mark's hall.

"While other municipalities can get money for public work, Saanich with a debt of only $72,000, cannot do so. Because other districts borrowed in the boom times, they still have the assistance of financiers, now that things have quieted down.

Mr. Jones, who is a manufacturers' agent residing on Oak street and a member of the executive of the Ward Ratepayers' association, was unanimously endorsed as the candidate in succession to Councilor Sherwood, who is retiring. He pledged himself to support day labor on public contracts.

On the invitation of the chairman, President J. C. Richards, Reeve McGregor spoke. He explained that he would be in the field again in January, an announcement which was well received. He invited the unemployed to register at a bureau so that the municipality could know exactly who wanted work.

"I want you to come to our assistance and handle this question to the best advantage," he observed, and as a consequence the meeting passed a resolution that the matter be left in the hands of the executive. This registry will be established at the junction of Saanich road and Douglas street, beginning next Monday.

Councilor Sherwood endorsed the proposal of the reeve for this bureau.

Secretary Macnicol read a letter from Hon. Dr. Young, in answer to representations of the executive committee. The communication stated that the question of relaxing the law with regard to foreclosures and agreements of sale was before the executive council and was receiving the attention of the government.

Reeve McGregor answered many questions with regard to the Lake road improvement, the meeting showing dislike for the anticipated award of the contract to a firm of Victoria contractors, rather than that the work should be done by day labor. While the reeve stated that the contract had not been awarded he pointed out that the council was in duty bound to the owners to get the work done as cheaply as possible. The meeting then went on record for the principle of day labor on all municipal contracts.

Anticipating that there would be a sharp clash of opinion if attempts were made to endorse any candidate for reeve, the officials of the association secured the passage of an amendment leaving the delegates to the Central Saanich Ratepayers' association uninstructed for the meeting on January 11.

J. Owens was endorsed for re-election as school trustee. He said that the chairman, Percy James, was preparing a statement of the work of the board, which would be ready in a few days.

The meeting was more orderly than that of November 26, but there was just the same critical interest shown in the questions.

## RECEIVE DEPUTATION

### Police Commissioners Hear Representations for Economy in Estimates.

A deputation from the Civic Retrenchment association, composed of Thomas Sholtbolt, H. J. Sanders, R. W. Douglas and F. Landsberg, waited on the police commissioners yesterday afternoon to ask that body to respond to the application which was made last Friday to the city council by cutting the estimates 25 per cent. from the figures of 1914, that is 25 per cent. from about $114,000.

The commissioners pointed out that their tentative estimate showed a marked decrease from this year's figures, and that it would be impossible to comply with a suggestion advanced by speakers of the deputation that 20 per cent. be cut from the proposed estimates, without either reducing salary or dismissing members of the force.

So far as the latter course was concerned, the mayor stated that the personnel of the force had been reduced to the minimum; a smaller force would not be effective. The commissioners would agree to fall in with any rational suggestion for a graded scale of salary reductions which the council might agree upon, but they thought any course which might be adopted should provide for reductions on the same basis all round.

Consideration of the representations made was promised by the commissioners.

"And the name is to be——" asked the suave minister as he approached the front with the precious armful of fat and flounces. "Augustus Philip Ferdinand Codrington Chesterfield Livingston Snooks." "Dear me!" Turning to the sexton—"A little more water, Mr. Perkins, if you please."


# XMAS GREETINGS

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Bells are ringing, children singing,*
*Cold winds blowing, who will care?*
*Light and gladness, banish sadness,*
*Cast off sorrow, cast off care,*
*Merry Christmas! everywhere.*

*How the children love to greet it,*
*How their hearts with rapture beat,*
*How their elders smile to meet it!*
*E'en the poor, pressed down by care*
*Welcome Christmas! everywhere.*

*Welcome to the little Christ-child*
*Who for us became a child,*
*Let us hasten to adore Him,*
*Tho' the Winter winds be wild,*
*Cast off sorrow, cast off care!*
*Merry Christmas! everywhere.*

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